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CAPITOL RIOT

Bannon indicted on contempt charges

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Steve Bannon, a longtime ally of former President Donald Trump, was indicted Friday on two counts of criminal contempt of Congress after he defied a subpoena from the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

The Justice Department said Bannon, 67, was indicted on one count for refusing to appear for a deposition last month and the

other for refusing to provide documents in response to the committee's subpoena. He is expected to surrender to authorities on Monday and will appear in court that afternoon, a law enforcement official told the AP. The person was granted anonymity to discuss the case.

The indictment came as a second witness, former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, defied his own subpoena from the committee on Friday and as Trump has escalated his legal battles to withhold documents and testimony about the insurrection.

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Trump ally Steve Bannon is defying a congressional investigation. **GETTY**

New London man arrested in attack

24-year-old who police say illegally entered the US Capitol had secret clearance at Electric Boat

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

A New London man who held a secret security clearance at Electric Boat has been arrested and charged with involvement in the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol.

Jeremy K. Baouche, 24, was arrested Wednesday, the U.S. attorney's office said. According to court documents, he was identified by a witness who recognized

Baouche in still images clipped from videos recorded inside the Capitol building.

He faces charges of entering or remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building and parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building.

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Hartford mayor Luke Bronin, on reviving industry in the city



Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, from left, Gov. Ned Lamont, Stanley Black and Decker President Donald Allen, and HCL executives Jill Kouri, C Vijayakumar and Ajay Bahl participate in a ceremonial lamp lighting to mark HCL's opening of a global delivery center at State House Square. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

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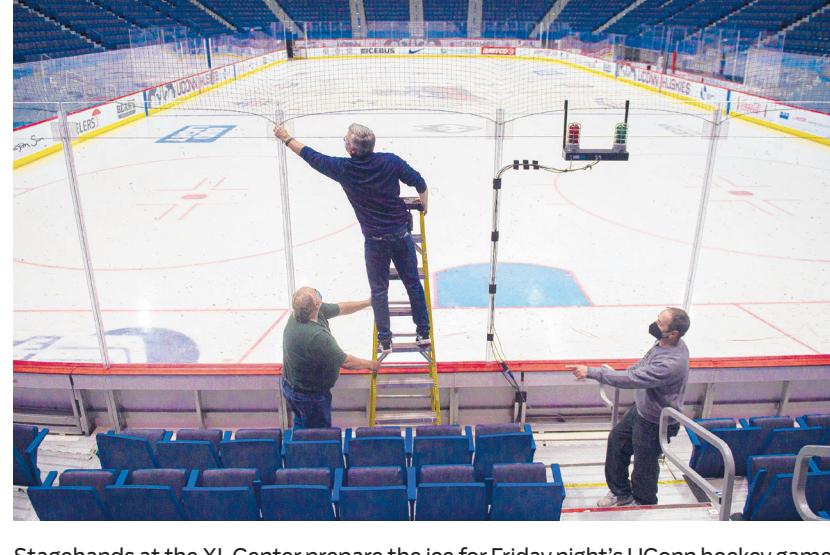
Aided by theater, basketball, an entertainment revival in Hartford shows signs of life

By Rick Green and Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Over the last few weekends, Scott Smith, vice president of Max Restaurant Group, has noticed something very different in downtown Hartford: people.

The return of UConn basketball to the XL Center on Saturday will bring larger crowds to the downtown neighborhood. And even with the number of COVID infections again ticking upward, there is a sense among some that a corner has been turned.

"In downtown Hartford over the last three or four weeks, it feels like the heart is beating again," said Smith, whose company owns both Max Downtown and the Trumbull Kitchen. This weekend, the Trumbull Kitchen will reopen for Sunday service for



Stagehands at the XL Center prepare the ice for Friday night's UConn hockey game, the first of three UConn athletic events at the arena this weekend. The UConn men's basketball team plays Saturday and the women's team plays Sunday.

HCL Technologies launches new global delivery center in Hartford; expects to hire 200

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — HCL Technologies, an Indian technology company that provides digital services to businesses, said Friday it expects to hire 200 over the next few years for its new global delivery center in downtown Hartford, a boost to the city's efforts to raise its profile as a center of innovation.

HCL is leasing space at State House Square where the new center will heavily focus on manufacturing because its "anchor client" is New Britain-based Stanley Black & Decker, a global manufacturer of tools and storage equipment. The center, however, also will encompass insurance, aerospace, health care and life sciences.

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Negotiators at the U.N. climate talks were still trying to find common ground on phasing out coal, when nations need to update their emissions pledges, and on money. **NEWS, PAGE 4**

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The chairman of the Jan. 6 panel, Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, said he will recommend contempt charges against Meadows next week.

If the House votes to hold Meadows in contempt, that recommendation could also be sent to the Justice Department for a possible indictment.

"Mr. Meadows, Mr. Bannon, and others who go down this path won't prevail in stopping the Select Committee's effort getting answers for the American people about January 6th, making legislative recommendations to help protect our democracy, and helping ensure nothing like that day

ever happens again," Democrat Thompson and the vice chairwoman of the panel, Republican Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, said in a statement.

The indictment is a victory for House Democrats, who saw dozens of Trump officials decline testimony and defy subpoenas during his presidency. The charges support the authority of Congress to investigate the executive branch and signal potential consequences for those who refuse to cooperate.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Bannon's indictment reflects the Justice Department's "steadfast commitment" to ensuring that the department adheres to the rule of law. Each count carries a minimum of 30 days of jail

and as long as a year behind bars.

The indictment alleges that Bannon didn't appear before the committee as subpoenaed or produce required documents. It says he also didn't communicate with the committee in any way from the time he received the subpoena on Sept. 24 until Oct. 7 when his lawyer sent a letter, seven hours after the documents were due.

Bannon, who worked at the White House at the beginning of the Trump administration and currently serves as host of the conspiracy-minded "War Room" podcast, is a private citizen who "refused to appear to give testimony as required by a subpoena," the indictment says. Bannon's attorney did not

immediately respond to a message seeking comment. When Bannon declined to appear for his deposition in October, his attorney said the former Trump adviser had been directed by a lawyer for Trump citing executive privilege not to answer questions.

Officials in both Democratic and Republican administrations have been held in contempt by Congress, but criminal indictments for contempt are exceedingly rare. The most recent notable examples of criminal penalties for not testifying before Congress date to the 1970s, including when President Richard Nixon's aide G. Gordon Liddy was convicted of misdemeanor charges for refusing to answer questions about his

role in the Watergate scandal.

This is not the first time Bannon has faced legal peril. In August of last year, he was pulled from a luxury yacht and arrested on allegations that he and three associates ripped off donors trying to fund a southern border wall. Trump later pardoned Bannon in the final hours of his presidency.

Meadows defied his subpoena on Friday after weeks of discussions with the committee. His lawyer said that Meadows has a "sharp legal dispute" with the panel as Trump has claimed executive privilege over his testimony, as he had with Bannon's.

The former Republican congressman's refusal to comply comes amid the legal battles between the commit-

tee and Trump as the former president has claimed privilege over documents and interviews the lawmakers are demanding.

The White House said in a letter Thursday that President Joe Biden would waive any privilege that would prevent Meadows from cooperating with the committee, prompting his lawyer to say Meadows wouldn't comply.

The panel's proceedings and attempts to gather information have been delayed as Trump appealed U.S. District Judge Tanya Chukan's rulings. On Thursday, a federal appeals court temporarily blocked the release of some of the White House records the panel is seeking, giving that court time to consider Trump's arguments.

Charges

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According to court documents, federal investigators were alerted to Baouche by several tipsters who said they recognized him in video circulated online and in news coverage of the day's events.

On Jan. 20, two FBI agents interviewed Baouche at Electric Boat in Groton, Baouche's employer at the time. Investigators had learned that Baouche took Jan. 5 and Jan. 6 off from work, according to court records.

Baouche said he would not answer further questions without an attorney after agents informed him that they wanted to speak about the U.S. Capitol, according to the affidavit.

Electric Boat, a U.S. Department of Defense contractor, then provided FBI agents with the internet search history on Baouche's work computer.

The history included searches on the inauguration, the Capitol's building layout, guns and rifle scopes, Trump protests and searches for jobs in the

Western U.S.

Investigators noted in court records that Baouche had secret security clearance as part of his employment.

"This is a matter under federal investigation. We have no further comment," a spokesperson for Electric Boat said Friday evening.

Investigators obtained a search warrant served on Google to analyze GPS data on an account believed to be associated with Baouche. The data, presented in court documents, shows the device located within the Capitol between 2:38 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. on Jan. 6, according to court documents.

Upon reviewing video taken within the Capitol, investigators recognized someone resembling Baouche wearing a similar leather jacket that Baouche wore in a picture with Roger Stone, posted to social media on Jan. 5.

According to court documents, video examined by investigators shows the subject entering the Capitol building at about 2:35 p.m., walking up the stairs to the rotunda, and exiting and reappearing in the rotunda



Trump supporters try to break through a police barrier Jan. 6 at the Capitol in Washington.

JULIO CORTEZ/AP

multiple times before exiting the building at about 2:52 p.m.

The subject carried a megaphone throughout the video clips, at one point

chanting "Who's house" into it at least three times, according to court records.

The investigation revealed that Baouche purchased a megaphone between Nov.

22 and Dec. 26 of 2020.

On April 30, investigators interviewed a co-worker of Baouche's who works at Electric Boat. The co-worker immediately

recognized Baouche in photos clipped from video taken inside the Capitol, based on his face and hair style.

The co-worker also noted that Baouche tends to cuff his pants. In one of the videos, the subject's pants can be seen cuffed.

The co-worker told investigators that he knew Baouche took Jan. 5 and Jan. 6 off from work, but said Baouche told them it was for a fishing trip with his grandfather.

On Aug. 4, investigators reviewed information provided by Google from the previous search warrant.

They obtained videos that appeared to be taken inside and outside the Capitol building. They also found email confirmation for a reservation for a Washington, D.C., motel for Jan. 5 to Jan. 6.

Baouche appeared in court in New Haven on Wednesday and was released on a \$100,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear remotely over video-conference to face prosecution by the U.S. attorney's office for the District of Columbia on Nov. 18.

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PLAY4 DAY

5 2 3 8 WB: 1

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PLAY4 NIGHT

6 3 0 2 WB: 3

CASH 5

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Teenager faces charges in June death of Manchester girl

By Seamus McAvoy

Hartford Courant

A 14-year-old is facing charges of felony murder and sexual assault in the death of a 13-year-old found in the basement of a Manchester apartment building in June, police said Friday.

The boy was arrested Friday following a

months-long investigation.

He is being detained at the Hartford Juvenile Detention Center, charged with felony murder, first-degree strangulation, first-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor - illegal sexual contact, police said.

Zani Wright, a seventh grader at Illing Middle School, was found June 18 at

about 8:30 a.m. in a common area of the basement of the South Adams Apartments at 40 Olcott St., police spokesman Lt. Ryan Shea said.

The chief medical examiner's office ruled the death a homicide, with the cause of death identified as compression of the neck.

Wright's mother, Marissa Boose, had reported her

missing the previous evening, June 17, after leaving her in the care of a friend who lives in the apartment complex. When Boose returned to pick up her daughter, she was not there.

Anna Boose, Zaniya's grandmother, described the girl as "very quiet" but enthusiastic about fashion and hair. Wright also had

recently joined the school track team.

Boose said her granddaughter was a quiet girl who had been bullied at school.

The case has been investigated since June by detectives in the Manchester Police Department Investigative Services Unit.

The boy's court date was not immediately available.

Manchester police released the juvenile's name, but The Courant generally does not identify arrested juveniles until their case is moved to adult court.

It was unclear late Friday if that had happened.

Courant reporter Jesse Leavenworth contributed to this story.

NEWS BRIEFING

Myanmar court sentences journalist from US to 11 years

From news services

BANGKOK — A court in military-ruled Myanmar on Friday sentenced U.S. journalist Danny Fenster to 11 years in prison with hard labor, the maximum penalty under three charges, despite calls by the United States and rights groups for his release.

It was the harshest punishment yet among the seven journalists known to have been convicted since the military ousted the elected government of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi in February.

Fenster, the managing editor of the online magazine Frontier Myanmar, still faces additional terrorism and treason charges under which he could receive up to life in prison.

The court found him guilty on Friday of spreading false or inflammatory information, contacting illegal organizations and violating visa regulations, lawyer Than Zaw Aung said.

Fenster wept after hearing the sentence and has not yet decided whether to appeal, the lawyer said.

The harsh penalty is the ruling military's latest rebuff of calls from around the world for a peaceful end to Myanmar's political crisis.

U.S. State Department spokesperson Ned Price in a statement called Fenster's sentencing "an unjust conviction of an innocent person."

Price added: "The United States condemns this decision. We are closely monitoring Danny's situation and will continue to work for his immediate release. We will do so until Danny returns home safely to his family."

U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet said Fenster's conviction and harsh sentence "is emblematic of the wider plight

of journalists in Myanmar who have been facing constant repression since the Feb. 1 military coup."

According to Bachelet, at least 126 journalists, media officials or publishers have been detained by the military since the military seized power and 47 remain in detention, including 20 charged with crimes.

Nine media outlets have had their licenses revoked, 20 others have had to suspend operations, and dozens of journalists remain in hiding due to outstanding arrest warrants, she said.

"Journalists have been under attack since Feb. 1, with the military leadership clearly attempting to suppress their attempts to report on the serious human rights violations being perpetrated across Myanmar as well as the extent of opposition to the regime," Bachelet said. "Myanmar has quickly reverted to an environment of information control, censorship and propaganda seen under military regimes in the past."

Rep. Gosar resolution: House Democrats on Friday introduced a resolution to censure Arizona Republican Rep. Paul Gosar — a penalty that would amount to the chamber publicly shaming Gosar — for posting an animated video of him killing Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and attacking President Joe Biden with swords.

If the resolution is adopted in the House by the required simple majority, Gosar would be forced to stand in the well of the chamber while Speaker Nancy Pelosi reads the resolution. That is the totality of discipline that would accompany this censure effort.

A censure resolution is a privileged question with precedence over all ques-

tions — aside from motions to adjourn — and can be called up by the sponsor, Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., in this instance, without having to go through the Ethics Committee. The measure has 60 Democrats signed onto it.

Alaska Sen. reelection: Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska announced Friday that she will run for reelection in 2022, setting up a race against a primary challenger endorsed by former President Donald Trump.

Playing up her centrist bona fides, Murkowski said in a campaign video that she would work across party lines to help Alaska and "stand up to any politician or special interest that threatens our way of life."

Trump has vowed

revenge against Murkowski and other Republican lawmakers who supported his impeachment over the Jan. 6 insurrection.

Murkowski is the only Republican senator who voted to convict Trump at his impeachment trial to

face reelection next year.

The race in Alaska will be closely watched nationally as an indicator of Trump's lasting influence with Republican voters and within the party after his 2020 election defeat.

Qatar to represent US:

The Gulf nation of Qatar has agreed to represent the United States in Taliban-run Afghanistan following the closure of the American Embassy in Kabul and withdrawal of all U.S. forces from the country in late August.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his Qatari counterpart, Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, announced Friday that Qatar will serve as the U.S. "protecting power" in Afghanistan.

Blinken, meanwhile, said the U.S. has offered the opportunity to leave Afghanistan to all American citizens it has identified as remaining in the country who wish to depart and have appropriate travel documents.

The protecting power

agreement means Qatar will set up a U.S. "interests section" within its own embassy in Kabul to handle consular services for American citizens in Afghanistan, deal with routine official communications between Washington and the Taliban government, and assume responsibility for the protection of now-vacated U.S. diplomatic facilities there.

Ethiopia, Tigray crisis: The

United States on Friday imposed economic sanctions on the military and ruling party of Eritrea over their role in neighboring Ethiopia's brutal yearlong war, and it warned it would sanction Ethiopia's government and rival Tigray forces if there is no "meaningful progress" toward a ceasefire and talks.

The Treasury Department statement cited the "continued role" the Eritreans play in the war that has killed thousands and displaced millions.

Ethiopia's government

allowed Eritrean soldiers to enter Ethiopia's Tigray

region, where witnesses have accused them of some of the war's worst abuses, but then denied the soldiers were there for months.

The U.S. statement noted "numerous reports of looting, sexual assault, killing civilians, and blocking humanitarian aid" by Eritrean forces.

Plane crash: A man who traveled to space with William Shatner last month was killed along with another person when the small plane they were in crashed in a wooded area of northern New Jersey, according to state police.

The one-time space tourist Glen M. de Vries, 49, of New York City, and Thomas P. Fischer, 54, of Hopatcong, were aboard the single-engine Cessna 172 that went down Thursday.

De Vries was an instrument-rated private pilot, and Fischer owned a flight school. Authorities have not said who was piloting the small plane.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

Revival

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the first time since early in the pandemic.

"We are seeing it in the restaurants. There are a lot of people who are still very cautious about going out in public and there is such mixed news about which way the virus is going," Scott said, "but they are ready to live again."

The UConn men will play Saturday afternoon and the women play Sunday in games expected to be jammed with basketball-deprived Husky fans.

The Bushnell has been holding regular shows and other events, including performances by the Hartford Symphony Orchestra.

The Hartford Stage begins "It's a Wonderful Life" later this month. Tickets are selling well for "Christmas on the Rocks" at TheaterWorks starting in early December.

"We are hearing it and seeing it. It's awesome," said David Griggs, CEO of the MetroHartford Alliance, which represents businesses in the city.

"We are looking forward to January now. The mask mandate is gone in the city of Hartford and Connecticut is thankfully one of the highest vaccinated states."

For Hartford, it's a

says the Insurance City comeback has been building for sometime.

"Arts, culture, sports, dining," Bronin said, "a lot of people are hungry for that."

"Over the summer we saw lots of people coming in for the sports, arts and culture that Hartford offers. There were packed stadiums at the Yard Goats this summer and great crowds at festivals and activity on Pratt Street," Bronin said. "In recent weeks you've seen thousands of people coming back to the Bushnell and the Hartford Stage is back in action and the XL hosting some full-capacity shows.

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In a phased return of workers, The Hartford said recently that employees would begin coming back to city offices in early December. Aetna employees will start coming back in early January. Travelers Cos. Inc., a major downtown employer, has not yet said when its employees will return.

In many cases, employees will still divide their work between home and a corporate office, however.

At the city's theaters, attendance has been down generally, and it's clear that some audiences are still hesitant, but the tide appears to be turning.

Performance for "Rent" last weekend at The Bushnell sold very well for both its Friday and Saturday performances.

With HSO shows also taking place last weekend, the vast Bushnell parking lot was completely full. Music clubs, including Infinity Hall, are reporting some full-capacity shows.

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HCL said early last year that it would open the center in Hartford, and it reflects a strategy of establishing local offices near major clients, in this case, Stanley Black & Decker. The manufacturer also operates and advanced manufacturing accelerator on downtown Hartford's Constitution Plaza.

"Our proposition was: 'We're going to be next to you. We will build a center here and we will use to build our presence in Connecticut,'" C Vijayakumar said.

HCL intends to hire 500 across Connecticut in the next two or three years, including the 200 in downtown Hartford. The center at State House Square also will include a "smart manufacturing lab" to showcase state-of-art technologies developed by HCL.

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Also, the jobs will cover augmented reality, aerospace engineering, infrastructure, digital workplace, IT applications and operations technology.

"These are great jobs," Gov. Ned Lamont said at Friday's event. "These are good-paying jobs with great benefits that give you the flexibility to work from home or wherever you want to be."

HCL said it also will partner with community colleges and universities in the state to create new paths into the industry. The technology company also is developing a program for high school students.

HCL now employs 22,000 in the United States, and has \$11 billion in annual revenue, 60% coming from America. HCL, based in India, operates in 50 countries, with a global workforce of 187,000.

At State House Square, HCL is leasing 16,500 square feet, but has options to triple that space.

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said the addition of HCL will build on the city's efforts to become a center of innovation for advanced manufacturing, insurance technology and health care.

"That is a powerful accelerator to the efforts that have already been underway, and we're thrilled about that," Bronin said. "It's a testament to the fact that being in Hartford makes an awful lot of sense, makes an awful lot of sense because we have global leaders in each of these industries."



International Hot Air Balloon Festival: Hot air balloons fly above the Papalote dam Friday during the International Hot Air Balloon Festival in Leon, Mexico. MARIO ARMAS/AP

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Climate summit goes past deadline

Phasing out coal, funding for poor nations slow talks

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Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — Going into overtime Friday night, negotiators at U.N. climate talks in Glasgow were still trying to find common ground on phasing out coal, when nations need to update their emission-cutting pledges and, especially, on money.

Talks are at a "bit of a stalemate," and the United States, with support from the European Union, is holding back talks, said Lee White, the Gabonese minister for forests and climate change.

Mohamed Adow of Power Shift Africa, a long-time talks observer, said poorer nations are beyond disappointed with the way the United Kingdom presidency has come up with drafts and that this has become "a rich world" negotiation. He said poorer nations cannot accept what has been proposed.

As the talks approached midnight, rich nations had a much more optimistic view, showing the split that might occur after new drafts appear Saturday.

United Kingdom Prime Minister Boris Johnson, host of the meeting, said through a spokesperson that he believes "an ambitious outcome is in sight."

U.S. Climate Envoy John Kerry said Friday night that climate talks were "working away," commenting after a late night meeting with his Chinese counterpart and



Climate activists demonstrate Friday in the venue of the COP26 U.N. Climate Summit in Glasgow, Scotland. ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

before a hallway chat with India's minister.

Chinese Climate Envoy Xie Zhenhua told Kerry in the hallway: "I think the current draft is more close" in a conversation with The Associated Press. When Kerry asked him if he felt better about it, Xie answered: "Yes, I feel better about it because Alok Sharma is a smart guy."

No agreement was ready by the 6 p.m. local time scheduled end of the conference. And sometimes that helps diplomats get in a more deal-making mood.

"The negotiating culture is not to make the hard compromises until the meet-

ing goes into extra innings, as we now have done," said long-time climate talks observer Alden Meyer of the European think tank E3G. "But the U.K. presidency is still going to have to make a lot of people somewhat unhappy to get the comprehensive agreement we need out of Glasgow."

Three sticking points were making people unhappy on Friday: cash, coal and timing.

A crunch issue is the question of financial aid for poor countries to cope with climate change. Rich nations failed to provide them with \$100 billion annually by 2020, as agreed, causing

considerable anger among developing countries going into the talks.

A Friday morning draft reflects those concerns, expressing "deep regret" that the \$100 billion goal hasn't been met and urging rich countries to scale up funding for poor nations to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change — an issue with which developed countries are also grappling.

Poorer nations say regret isn't enough.

"Don't call them donor countries. They're polluters. They owe this money," said Saleemul Huq, a climate science and policy expert who is director of the Inter-

national Centre for Climate Change and Development in Bangladesh.

The draft also proposes creating a loss-and-damage fund to help poor countries tap existing sources of aid when they face the devastating impacts of climate change. But rich nations such as the United States, which have historically been the biggest source of human-caused greenhouse gas emissions, are opposed to any legal obligation to compensate poor countries.

But Gabon's White said rich countries, particularly the United States and the European Union, had said they weren't ready. "They

said we never agreed to that. It won't work. It's too complicated."

The proposal for creating this mechanism is like creating a bank account, said Adow of Power Shift Africa. "We don't need to push cash into the account now. It is just the opening of the account."

This was the "elephant in the room," said Lia Nicholson, lead negotiator for the alliance of small islands at the summit. She said that developing nations and China had a "united position" on this but the proposal hadn't met with "significant pushback" from rich countries.

"Small islands can't always be the ones ... asked to compromise our interest with the objectives of reaching consensus," she said.

That Friday draft also called on countries to accelerate "the phaseout of unabated coal power and of inefficient subsidies for fossil fuels."

A previous draft Wednesday had been stronger, calling on countries to "accelerate the phasing out of coal and subsidies for fossil fuel."

Kerry said Washington backed the current wording. "We're not talking about eliminating" coal, he said, but "those subsidies have to go."

Kerry said it was "a definition of insanity" that trillions were being spent to subsidize fossil fuels worldwide. "We're allowing to feed the very problem we're here to try to cure. It doesn't make sense."

Countries like Australia and India, the world's third-biggest emitter, have resisted calls to phase out coal any time soon.

Biden FDA pick familiar to agency, drug industry

Nominee is former leader with ties to Big Pharma

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg and Sheila Kaplan
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden announced Friday that he would nominate Dr. Robert Califf, a former commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, to lead the agency again. His decision ends nearly a year of political wrangling as the White House vetted and then dropped several candidates after complaints that some were too close to the pharmaceutical industry.

In the end, White House officials might have concluded that they could not find a suitable candidate with no industry ties. Califf, 70, a respected academic and clinical trial researcher who ran the agency during the last year of the Obama administration, has long been a consultant to drug companies and ran a research center at Duke University that received some funding from the drug industry.

Since Margaret Hamburg, who served as commissioner for most of the

Obama administration, left in 2015, the FDA has had seven commissioners — some acting, some permanent — including Califf, who served for just 11 months after Hamburg's departure. And recently, its reputation for independence has come under attack.

The FDA has been front and center in the federal government's response to the coronavirus pandemic. It has the authority to approve COVID-19 vaccines, tests and treatments, as well as certain types of protective equipment. It was also widely criticized for allowing manufacturers to flood the market with inaccurate COVID-19 tests early in the pandemic and for failing to stand up to Biden's predecessor, Donald Trump, who at times promoted unproven and unsafe treatments.

"Dr. Califf is one of the most experienced clinical trialists in the country, and has the experience and expertise to lead the Food and Drug Administration during a critical time in our nation's fight to put an end to the coronavirus pandemic," Biden said in a statement.

The statement added that Biden was confident that Califf would ensure that the FDA continued its

science and data-driven

decision-making. During his previous stint as commissioner, Califf sought to permit pharmaceutical companies to advertise off-label uses for FDA-approved products, a practice that is not permitted under the strict regulations governing drug advertising. But the proposal, which many public health experts considered dangerous, was blocked by others in the Obama administration, according to a person familiar with it.

For the past two years, after stepping down as the vice chancellor for clinical and translational health at Duke, Califf has worked as a senior adviser to Verily Life Sciences, a health technology firm, and its sister company Google Health. He has encouraged Verily to focus on addiction, cardiovascular health and management of chronic diseases, according to a person at the company who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Califf, who remains an adjunct professor of medicine at both Duke and Stanford universities, is on the

corporate board of Cytokinetics, a biopharmaceutical company, according to its website. He has received personal fees for consult-



President Joe Biden will nominate Dr. Robert Califf, a former commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, to lead the agency again. JEREMY M. LANGE/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2014

ing from Merck, Amgen, Biogen, Genentech, Eli Lilly and Boehringer Ingelheim, according to his Duke University biography.

In a statement, Califf said he was honored to be nominated for the position "at a critical time for our country," adding, "There's a lot of work to do, and if confirmed I look forward to rejoining the great team at the FDA to help in their inspiring mission to serve the public."

If Califf is confirmed by the Senate, he will again take the reins of an agency that is responsible for more than \$2.8 trillion worth of food, medical products and

tobacco. The FDA regulates products accounting for about 20 cents of every dollar spent by consumers in the United States.

More recently, the agency's dealings with Biogen, the maker of a newly approved drug for Alzheimer's disease, have come under scrutiny. The FDA approved the drug, Aduhelm, which costs \$56,000 annually, over the objections of its own independent advisers, who said there was insufficient evidence that it was effective.

Dr. Janet Woodcock, the acting commissioner, was

once considered a front-runner for the top job. But critics accused her of being too close to the pharmaceutical industry.

But others said they believed that Califf's industry experience should not bar him from the job, noting that he has disclosed his ties in publishing the results of clinical trials.

"The truth of the matter is, industry develops drugs; you have to work with industry. The issue is disclosure in publication," said Ellen Sigal, founder and chair of the nonprofit Friends of Cancer Research, which accepts industry funding.

Biden, Xi plan virtual summit Monday to discuss tensions

By Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden and China's Xi Jinping will hold their much-anticipated virtual summit on Monday evening as the two sides look to dial back tensions after a rough start to the U.S.-China relationship since Biden took office earlier this year.

The White House is setting low expectations for the video call between the leaders. Biden looks to

stress that the two nations need to set guardrails in deepening areas of conflict in the increasingly complicated relationship between the two nations. White House officials said that no major announcements are expected to come from the meeting.

"I wouldn't set the expectation ... that this is intended to have major deliverables or outcomes," said White House press secretary Jen Psaki, who added that the two leaders would discuss

how to manage the countries' competition and cooperate in areas where interests align.

The meeting will be the third engagement between the two leaders since February. It comes after the U.S. and China this week pledged at U.N. climate talks in Glasgow, Scotland, to increase their cooperation and speed up action to rein in climate-damaging emissions.

The virtual meeting was

proposed after Biden, who

spent a substantial amount of time with Xi when the two were vice presidents, mentioned during a September phone call with the Chinese leader that he would like to be able to see Xi again, according to the White House.

There has been no shortage of tension in the relationship in recent months as Biden has made clear he sees Beijing's actions on a number of fronts as concerning.

The president has criti-



China's President Xi Jinping has been getting pushback from President Biden.

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WORLD & NATION

Kabul's Ariana Cinema awaits its fate

Under Taliban rule, future of movies in Afghanistan unclear

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KABUL, Afghanistan — The cool 1960s-style lines of the Ariana Cinema's marquee stand out over a traffic-clogged roundabout in downtown Kabul. For decades, the historic cinema has entertained Afghans and borne witness to Afghanistan's wars, hopes and cultural shifts.

Now the marquee is stripped of the posters of Bollywood movies and American action flicks that used to adorn it. The gates are closed.

After recapturing power three months ago, the Taliban ordered the Ariana and other cinemas to stop operating. The Islamic militant guerrillas-turned-rulers say they have yet to decide whether they will allow movies in Afghanistan.

Like the rest of the country, the Ariana is in a strange limbo, waiting to see how the Taliban will rule.

The cinema's nearly 20 employees, all men, still show up at work, logging in their attendance in hopes they will eventually get paid. The landmark Ariana, one of only four cinemas in the capital, is owned by the Kabul municipality, so its employees are government workers and remain on the payroll.

The men while away the hours. They hang out in the abandoned ticket booth or stroll the Ariana's curving corridors. Rows of plush red seats sit in silent darkness.

The Ariana's director, Asita Ferdous, the first woman in the post, is not even allowed to enter the cinema. The Taliban ordered female government employees to stay away from their workplaces so they don't mix with men, until they deter-



Rahmatullah Ezati looks out to the theater of the Ariana Cinema from the projection room last week in Kabul, Afghanistan. Ezati, a movie enthusiast, is a projectionist at the cinema, which is no longer operating on orders from the Taliban. **BRAM JANSSEN/AP**

mine whether they will be allowed to work.

The 26-year-old Ferdous is part of a post-2001 generation of young Afghans determined to carve out a greater space for women's rights.

The Taliban takeover has wrecked their hopes. Also a painter and sculptor, she now stays at home.

"I spend time doing sketches, drawing, just to keep practicing," she said. "I can't do exhibitions anymore."

During their previous time in power from 1996-2001, the Taliban imposed a radical interpretation of Islamic law forbidding women from working or going to school — or even leaving home in many cases — and forcing men to grow beards and attend prayers. They banned music and other art, including movies and cinema.

Under international pressure, the Taliban now say they have changed. But they

have been vague about what they will or won't allow. That has put many Afghans' lives — and livelihoods — on hold.

For the Ariana, it is another chapter in a tumultuous six-decade history.

The Ariana opened in 1963. Its sleek architecture mirrored the modernizing spirit that the then-ruling monarchy was trying to bring to the deeply traditional nation.

Kabul resident Ziba Niazai recalled going to the Ariana in the late 1980s, during the rule of Soviet-backed President Najibullah, when there were more than 30 cinemas around the country.

For her, it was an entry to a different world. She had just married, and her new husband brought her from their home village in the mountains to Kabul, where he had a job in the Finance Ministry. She was alone in the house all day while he

was at the office.

But when he got off work, they often went together to the Ariana for a Bollywood movie.

After years of communist rule, it was a more secular era than recent decades, at least for a narrow urban elite.

"We had no hijab at that time," said Niazai, now in her late 50s, referring to the headscarf. Many couples went to the cinema, and "there wasn't even a separate section, you could sit wherever you wanted."

At the time, war raged across the country as Najibullah's government battled an American-backed coalition of warlords and Islamic militants. The mujahedeen toppled him in 1992. Then they turned on each other in a fight for power that demolished Kabul and killed thousands of people caught in the crossfire.

The Ariana was heavily damaged, along with most

of the surrounding neighborhood, in the frequent bombardments and gun battles.

It lay abandoned in ruins for years, as the Taliban drove out the mujahedeen and took over Kabul in 1996. Whatever cinemas survived around Kabul were shuttered.

The Ariana's revival came after the Taliban's ouster in the 2001 U.S.-led invasion. The French government helped rebuild the cinema in 2004, part of the flood of billions of dollars of international aid that attempted to reshape Afghanistan over the next 20 years.

With the Taliban gone, cinema saw a new burst of popularity.

Indian movies were always the biggest draw at the Ariana, as were action movies, particularly those featuring Jean-Claude Van Damme, said Abdul Malik Wahidi, in charge of tickets.

As Afghanistan's domestic

film industry revived, the Ariana played the handful of Afghan movies produced each year.

In Afghanistan's conservative society, cinemas were seen as a male space, and few women attended.

Ferdous was appointed as the Ariana's director just over a year ago. She previously led the Kabul municipality's Gender Equality division, where she had worked to gain equal pay for women employees and install women as senior officers in the capital's district police departments.

When she came to the Ariana, the male staff were surprised, "but they have been very cooperative and have worked well with me."

She focused on making the cinema more welcoming to women. They dedicated one side of the auditorium for couples and families where women could sit. Those entering the cinema had to be patted down by guards as a security measure, and Ferdous brought in a female guard so women patrons would feel more comfortable.

Now it has all been brought to a halt, and the Ariana's staff is left not knowing their fate. The male employees have received part of their salaries since the Taliban takeover. Ferdous said she has received no salary at all.

"It is women who suffer the most. Women are just asking for their right to work," she said. "If they are not allowed, their economic situation will only get worse."

Inanullah Amany, the general director of the Kabul Municipality's cultural department, said that if the Taliban do ban movies, the Ariana's employees could be transferred to other municipal jobs. Or they could be dismissed.

That would be a loss, said Rahmatullah Ezati, the Ariana's chief projectionist.

"If a country doesn't have cinema, then there's no culture."



Migrants line up to collect drinking water as they gather Friday at the Belarus-Poland border near Grodno, Belarus. **LEONID SHCHEGLOV/BELTA**

Airlines limit Belarus flights to stop migrants from coming

By Marc Santora,
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With thousands of migrants stranded on the Polish-Belarusian border and international pressure mounting to end the volatile standoff on the doorstep of the European Union, several airlines took steps Friday to limit people from the Middle East from flying to Belarus.

The goal was to prevent migrants from making their way to the border of Poland, an EU country, where they are stranded in freezing conditions in what aid groups say is a deepening humanitarian crisis.

Western European officials have accused Belarus' autocratic leader, Alexander Lukashenko, of orchestrating the passage of migrants into his country and then to the border. The officials say he is essentially using the migrants as weapons to retaliate against the EU for imposing sanctions after he claimed victory in a disputed 2020 election.

At the same time, Russia, a crucial ally for Lukashenko,

sent mixed signals regarding its stance on Belarus' actions. The Kremlin undermined Lukashenko's threat to cut off the flow of natural gas through his country to Western Europe, saying Russia would fulfill its commitment to provide gas to the EU.

"Russia was, is and will remain a country that fulfills all of its obligations in supplying European customers with gas," Dmitri Peskov, the spokesman for President Vladimir Putin, said Friday. "The reliability of Russia as a supplier and a partner on current and future contracts is not in doubt."

But it also flexed its military might in a show of continuing solidarity with a country it has steadfastly backed since the migrant crisis intensified this week. On Friday, a subdivision of Russian paratroopers flew to Belarus from Russia aboard military transport planes and landed in the Grodno region, near the Polish border, for exercises with Belarusian troops, the Russian Defense Ministry said.

Access for journalists along the border has been restricted by all the nations involved, making it difficult to independently assess the scale of the humanitarian suffering. Most of those who are stranded are on the Belarus side of the border.

One of the more striking

aspects of the crisis is the way migrants have made their way to the border — flying to Belarus, often with the assistance of travel agents, and then moving to the border in large groups under the watch of the Belarusian security apparatus.

But Friday, the European Commission announced that Turkish Airlines suspended sales of one-way tickets to Minsk and that Iraqi airlines would not resume their flights to Belarus. The suspensions are potentially significant because relatively few airlines serve Minsk and those are two of the largest.

The Belarusian airline, Belavia — which operates joint flights with Turkish airlines from Istanbul — also announced that Iraqi, Syrian and Yemeni citizens would no longer be allowed to board flights to Belarus.

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Officer testifies he would have given Arbery trespass warning

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — A police officer testified Friday he planned to give Ahmaud Arbery a trespass warning for repeatedly entering a home under construction before the 25-year-old Black man was chased and shot dead by neighbors who spotted him running from the property.

Glynn County police Officer Robert Rash said he spoke several times to the house's owner, who sent him videos showing Arbery visiting the site several times between Oct. 25, 2019, and Feb. 23, 2020 — the day Arbery was killed at the end of a five-minute chase by white men in pickup trucks.

Rash said he had been looking for Arbery, whose identity was unknown at the time, to tell him to keep away from the unfinished home. He said police had a standard protocol for handling people caught trespassing — a misdemeanor under Georgia law.

"Once we make contact with the person on the property, we explain to them the homeowner does not want them there, they have no legal reason to be there," Rash said. He added: "I explain to that person, if you ever come back onto this property for any reason, you will be arrested."

Arbery was killed before the officer could find him.

Father and son Greg and Travis McMichael armed themselves and pursued Arbery in a truck after he ran past their home five doors down from the construction site on a Sunday afternoon. A neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan, 52, joined the chase in his own truck and took cellphone video of Travis McMichael shooting Arbery three times with a shotgun.

More than two months passed before the three men

were arrested on murder

and other charges, after the

graphic video leaked online and deepened a national reckoning over racial injustice.

All three men are standing trial at the Glynn County courthouse in coastal Brunswick. Defense attorneys say the men reasonably suspected Arbery was a burglar and were trying to hold him for police. They say Travis McMichael, 35, fired his gun in self-defense when Arbery attacked with his fists.

Larry English, who owns the unfinished home, has said there was no evidence Arbery stole anything from the site. Still, he said he was concerned that the same person kept coming in the house after dark.

A patrol officer assigned to the neighborhood, Rash said he was trying to track down the young man with tattoos and short twists in his hair who had been recorded inside English's house. He shared the clips with neighbors, including Greg McMichael, 65.

"Did you deputize Greg McMichael? Did you give him any authority as a police officer?" prosecut-

or Linda Dunikoski asked Rash.

"No ma'am," the officer replied, saying he never intended for Greg McMichael to do anything other than call police if the man was spotted inside the house again.

On Feb. 11, 2020, less than two weeks before Arbery was killed, Rash was again dispatched to the neighborhood after Travis McMichael called 911 and reported seeing the same man outside the unfinished home — and telling dispatchers the man reached for his pocket as if he had a gun.

The jury saw Rash's body camera video, which shows him entering the home with a flashlight and his gun drawn. Rash said Travis McMichael's report that the man could be armed made him more of a potential threat.

Defense attorneys contend the McMichaels were justified in arming themselves before chasing Arbery because they feared he might have a gun. Police determined after the shooting that Arbery was unarmed.



Marcus Arbery, right, his former wife, Wanda Cooper, and the Rev. Al Sharpton stand outside the Glynn County courthouse on Wednesday. **TERRY DICKSON/THE BRUNSWICK NEWS**

BUSINESS

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Americans quitting their jobs in record numbers

By Christopher Rugaber

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans quit their jobs at a record pace for the second straight month in September, in many cases for more money elsewhere as companies bump up pay to fill job openings that are close to an all-time high.

The Labor Department said Friday that 4.4 million people quit their jobs in September, or about 3% of the nation's workforce. That's up from 4.3 million in August and far above the pre-pandemic level of 3.6 million. There were 10.4 million job openings, down from 10.6 million in August, which was revised higher.

The figures point to a historic level of turmoil in the job market as newly-empowered workers quit jobs, often for higher pay or better working conditions. Incomes are rising, Americans are spending more and the economy is growing, and employers have ramped up hiring to keep pace. Rising inflation, however, is offsetting much of the pay gains for workers.

Friday's report follows last week's jobs report, which showed that employers stepped up their hiring in October, adding

531,000 jobs, while the unemployment rate fell to 4.6%, from 4.8%. Hiring rebounded as the Delta wave, which had restrained job gains in August and September, faded.

It is typically perceived as a signal of worker confidence when people leave the jobs they hold. The vast majority of people quit for a new position.

The number of available jobs has topped 10 million for four consecutive months. The record before the pandemic was 7.5 million. There were more job openings in September than the 7.7 million unemployed, illustrating the difficulties so many companies have had finding workers.

In addition to the number of unemployed, there are about 5 million fewer people looking for jobs compared with pre-pandemic trends, making it much harder for employers to hire. Economists cite many reasons for that decline: Some are mothers unable to find or afford child care, while others are avoiding taking jobs out of fear of contracting COVID-19. Stimulus checks this year and in 2020, as well as extra unemployment aid that has since expired, has given some families more savings and enabled them to hold off from looking for work.

Quitting has risen particularly sharply in industries that are mostly made up of in-person service jobs, such as restaurants, hotels and retail, and factories where people work in close proximity. That suggests that at least some people quitting are doing so out of fear of COVID-19.

Goldman Sachs, in a research note Thursday, estimates that most of the 5 million are older Americans who have decided to retire. Only about 1.7 million are aged 25 through 54, which economists consider prime working years.

Goldman estimates that most of those people in their prime working years will return to work in the coming months, but that would still leave a much smaller workforce than before the pandemic. That could leave employers facing labor shortages for months or even years.

Businesses in other countries are facing similar challenges, leading to pay gains and higher inflation in countries like Canada and the United Kingdom.

Competition for U.S. workers is intense for retailers and delivery companies, particularly as they staff up for what is expected to be a healthy winter holiday shopping season.

Johnson & Johnson to split into 2 companies

By Michelle Chapman

and Tom Murphy

Associated Press

Johnson & Johnson is splitting into two companies, peeling off the division selling Band-Aids and Listerine from its medical device and prescription drug business.

The world's biggest maker of health care products, founded in 1886, said Friday the move will help improve the focus and speed of each company to address trends in their different industries.

The company selling prescription drugs and medical devices — J&J's two largest businesses — will keep the Johnson & Johnson name. That company sells treatments such as Darzalex, Erleada, Imbruvica, Stelara and Tremfya as well as medical devices for orthopedics and surgery.

The pharmaceutical arm also makes one of three COVID-19 vaccines currently approved for use in the United States.

The new consumer health company, which has yet to be named, will house brands including Neutrogena, Aveeno, Tylex, Listerine, Johnson's, and Band-Aid.

Johnson & Johnson expects the split to occur in the next two years, if approved by the company's board of directors.

The split comes as J&J deals with criticism from some Democrats in Congress over another corporate move. J&J is facing thousands of lawsuits claiming that its talc-based baby powder, which it has stopped selling in the U.S. and Canada, caused ovarian cancer.

Sens. Dick Durbin of Illinois and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, among others, recently sent a letter to the company asking for more information about a subsidiary that filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The Nov. 10 letter called the move a "corporate shell game" that would shield the company from liability in those cases.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Musk sells more Tesla shares

DETROIT — Tesla CEO Elon Musk sold another chunk of his stock on Thursday after pledging on Twitter to liquidate 10% of his holdings in the electric car maker.

Musk sold about 640,000 shares for roughly \$687.3 million, according to two filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. So far this week, the eccentric CEO has sold about 5.1 million shares worth about \$5.69 billion.

About \$1.1 billion of the proceeds will go toward paying tax obligations for stock options granted to Musk in September. The options are part of a compensation package Musk and Tesla agreed to in 2018 that provided the CEO with options if Tesla hit certain financial targets. The company is now worth more than \$1 trillion.

AZ to book profit from its vaccine

LONDON — British-Swedish pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca said Friday that it will start to book a modest profit from its coronavirus vaccine as it moves away from the nonprofit model it has operated during the pandemic.

In a third-quarter update, the company said it is "now expecting to progressively transition the vaccine to modest profitability as new orders are received."

Until now, AstraZeneca said it would provide the vaccine "at cost" — around \$2 to \$3 — for the duration of the pandemic following an agreement with the University of Oxford, which developed the vaccine. Other COVID-19 vaccine producers, such as Pfizer and Moderna, have been booking hefty profits on their shots all along.



Connor Sonnenberg, foreground left, and Billy Kinn drink wastewater that was sterilized Oct. 14 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Reusing wastewater could be a solution to growing regions and those wracked by drought. BRITTANY PETERSON/AP

Flush with recycling ideas

As cities boom and climate changes, reusing wastewater looking like a viable option

By Brittany Peterson and Sam Metz

Associated Press

DENVER — Around the country, cities are increasingly warming to an idea that once induced gag: Sterilize wastewater from toilets, sinks and factories, and eventually pipe it back into homes and businesses as tap water.

In the Los Angeles area, plans to recycle wastewater for drinking are moving along with little fanfare just two decades after similar efforts in the city sparked such a backlash they had to be abandoned. The practice, which must meet federal drinking water standards, has been adopted in several places around the country, including nearby Orange County.

"We've had a sea change in terms of public attitudes toward wastewater recycling," said David Nahai, the former general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The shifting attitudes around a concept once dismissively dubbed "toilet to tap"

come as dry regions scramble for ways to increase water supplies as their populations boom and climate change intensifies droughts. Other strategies gaining traction include collecting runoff from streams and roads after storms, and stripping seawater of salt and other minerals, a process that's still relatively rare and expensive.

Though there are still only about two dozen communities in the U.S. using some form of recycled water for drinking, that number is projected to more than double in the next 15 years, according to WateReuse, a group that helps cities adopt such conservation practices.

In most places that do it, the sterilized water is usually mixed back into a lake, river or other natural source before being reused — a step that helps make the idea of drinking treated sewage go down easier for some.

Funding for more wastewater recycling projects is on the way. The bipartisan infrastructure bill passed by Congress has \$1 billion for water reuse projects in the West, including the \$3.4 billion project in Southern California.

In Colorado, over two dozen facilities already recycle water for non-drinking purposes, which is more affordable than cleaning it for drinking. But growing popu-

lations mean cities could need to pull additional supply from the Colorado River, which is already strained from overuse.

At that point, it might make sense to start recycling for drinking purposes as well, said Greg Fisher, head of demand planning for Denver Water.

To warm residents to the idea, Colorado Springs Utilities is hosting a mobile exhibit that shows how wastewater recycling works. On a cold, rainy afternoon, dozens of visitors showed up to learn about the carbon-based purification process and sample the results, which several noted tasted no different than their usual supply.

The recycling process typically entails disinfecting wastewater with ozone gas or ultraviolet light to remove viruses and bacteria, then filtering it through membranes with microscopic pores to remove solids and trace contaminants.

Not all water can be recycled locally. Often, Western communities are required to send treated wastewater back to its source, so that it can eventually be used by other places that depend on that same body of water.

"You have to put the water back into the river because it's not yours," said Patricia Sinicropi, executive director of WateReuse.

Toshiba to spin off energy, computer units

By Yuri Kageyama

Associated Press

TOKYO — Embattled Japanese technology conglomerate Toshiba said Friday it is restructuring to improve its competitiveness, spinning off its energy infrastructure and computer devices businesses.

The energy infrastructure spinoff will include Tokyo-based Toshiba Corp.'s nuclear power operations, including the decommissioning efforts at the nuclear plant in Fukushima that suffered meltdowns after an earthquake and tsunami in March 2011.

The energy business will also include the company's sustainable energy and battery businesses. Its annual sales total about \$18

billion.

The other spinoff and stand-alone company encompasses Toshiba's computer devices and storage operations, with annual sales of \$7.6 billion.

Toshiba will remain a third independent company, holding what's left, such as its flash memory company Kioxia Holdings Corp. and Toshiba Tec Corp., which makes office equipment.

Such a major restructuring is unusual for a big Japanese company. But Toshiba is not alone in deciding that a sprawling conglomerate may not be the best fit for the times.

Earlier this week, General Electric announced it was dividing itself into three public companies, focused on aviation, health care and energy. Like Toshiba, GE

struggled under its own weight and decided to streamline its main business after a long review.

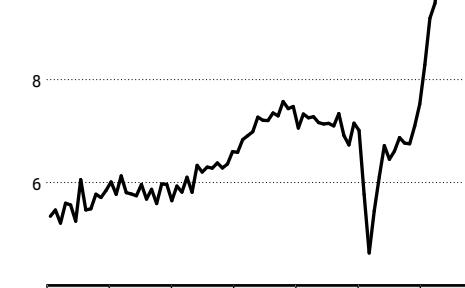
Toshiba said its restructuring would be completed by March 2024. Separating the financial results of the companies will start from this fiscal year, it said.

Earlier Friday, Toshiba issued a statement promising to beef up its corporate governance. An investigation by a governance group found no illegalities, but some managers engaged in dubious practices related to blocking the views of some shareholders.

Toshiba has periodically run into governance problems, including a scandal in 2015 over accounting books that were doctored for years to inflate earnings.

Job openings

Monthly, in millions



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BUSINESS

Participants at the Northeast Ohio Solutions Journalism Collaborative show diagrams of their individual hierarchy of information needs. CLEVELAND FOUNDATION 2019

Philanthropies set to launch nonprofit newsroom in Ohio

By Haleluya Hadero

Associated Press

A coalition of philanthropies has announced plans to launch a nonprofit newsroom that will provide coverage of Cleveland, kicking off an effort to help fill a void left by the shrinking of news organizations in Ohio.

The donors say theirs will be one of the largest local nonprofit news startups in the country. The American Journalism Project, one of the funders, has launched three other nonprofit newsroom startups and supported 26 others across the country.

A broader effort, called the Ohio Local News Initiative, is set to establish a network of nonprofit newsrooms across the state that would share a back-office infrastructure, with each community having a newsroom to serve local needs, said Sarabeth Berman, CEO of the American Journalism Project.

To date, \$5.8 million has been raised for the Cleveland newsroom from seven donors. In addition to the journalism project, the donors include the

journalism funder Knight Foundation and the Cleveland Foundation, which holds \$2.8 billion in assets. Berman says the journalism project is in talks to expand the initiative to other parts of the state and expects further donations.

The newsroom in Cleveland is expected to hire 25 staffers to launch by mid-2022. The donors said it will produce "original, in-depth, non-partisan reporting" that will be free to access digitally and through various content partnerships.

The newsroom will raise revenue from those partnerships, subscriptions, events and other sources, but philanthropy will continue to play a prominent role in the coming years.

The donors described their initiative as a "culmination of years of work by local community leaders to identify and determine information gaps left from declining volumes of original reporting in Northeast Ohio."

Dale Anglin, vice president of programs at the Cleveland Foundation, says the foundation decided

to fund the Cleveland newsroom to strengthen democracy building in the community.

"We're prepared to support them," Anglin said.

The foundation had approached the American Journalism Project about 18 months ago and asked it to gather data on how the city's residents typically obtained news and information.

Berman said the organization reviewed the city's local news landscape, ran focus groups and conducted surveys.

It found the same trend it has seen across the country: As the news staffs of traditional metro news organizations have dwindled in the face of advertising losses, many residents no longer have adequate information about their communities. Berman said residents wanted more information about, for example, how to access city services, among other things.

In a trend that has been repeated across the country, newspapers in Cleveland and elsewhere in Ohio have laid off many journalists in the past decade.

Child care aid funded by US takes a step closer to reality

By Mary Clare Jalonick
and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Women — and some men — in Congress have been fighting for government child care assistance for almost 80 years. With President Joe Biden's \$1.85 trillion social services package, they are as close as they have ever been to winning.

Biden's bill making its way through Congress also would put the U.S. on course to providing free prekindergarten, paid family leave to care for children or sick loved ones, and an enhanced child tax credit in a massive expansion of federal support to working families.

Taken together, it's Democrats' answer to President Richard Nixon's veto of a 1971 child care bill and the earlier scrapping of World War II-era child care centers.

"I think COVID really illustrated to people how broken our child care system is in a way that people finally understood," said Sen. Tammy Duckworth, an Illinois Democrat with two young children.

The child care subsidies would attempt to guarantee that most Americans don't spend more than 7% of their income on child care.

Long before child care started eating up a sizable share of a family's income and the COVID-19 crisis pushed women from the workforce to care for kids at home, Congress tried to lower the costs of child raising in the U.S.

Some 80 years ago, Rep. Mary Norton of New Jersey — she was known as "Battling Mary," the first female Democrat elected to the House — was instrumental in securing money for child care centers during World War II as mothers went off to work. But the program was terminated



Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., is also the mother of two young children.
JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

soon after the war ended and never resurrected.

A quarter of a century later, Nixon invoked communism and traditional female roles when he vetoed bipartisan legislation to federally fund child care, saying it was "radical" and had "family-weakening implications."

"We're still fighting for it," says House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro, a Connecticut Democrat who has been pushing for child care subsidies and other programs to help families since she was a Senate aide in the 1980s. "You don't have a functioning economy without a strong child care system."

The child care subsidies would attempt to guarantee that most Americans don't spend more than 7% of their income on child care.

With Republicans opposed, Democrats are trying to pass Biden's bill on their own in what has become a messy process. One conservative Democrat, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, is not fully on board with parental leave and other proposals, leaving their final inclusion uncertain.

Republicans worry that providing an expanded federal safety net for American households with children is a slippery slope toward a socialist-style system.

Republicans say the programs' costs — almost

\$400 billion for the child care and preschool piece alone — are too high and would create more government intrusion into families' lives.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky called Biden's approach "radical" in a speech on the Senate floor last week. McConnell said Biden's administration "wants to insert itself into the most intimate family decisions and tell parents how to care for their toddlers."

But the women who have championed family-friendly federal policies, many of whom ran for office and were elected in part because of their experience as parents, say times have changed.

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., who was first elected three decades ago and recalls voters asking her what she would do with her children if she won, says the country has evolved since Nixon suggested communal support would upend the traditional family structure.

"There's more women in Congress, there's more women at work, there's more families who have to have that income in order to be able to put food on the table, send their kids to college," Murray said.

The House bill would phase in the new child care entitlement program over three years, starting immediately for prekindergarten for families who earn their state's median income. Enrolled families would receive subsidies to use at participating facilities, which could range from child care centers to home day cares.

The program would eventually expand to families that earn 250% of that median income by 2025, giving the child care industry time to build up after the pandemic forced many layoffs and closures.

MARKET RUNDOWN

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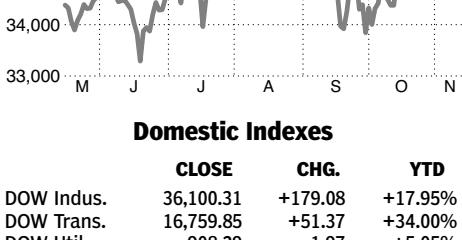
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10 DAYS



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	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	36,100.31	+179.08	+17.95%
DOW Trans.	16,759.85	+51.37	+34.00%
DOW Util.	908.29	-1.97	+5.05%
NYSE Comp.	17,297.66	+77.24	+19.09%
Nasdaq Comp.	15,860.96	+156.68	+23.07%
S&P 500	4,682.85	+33.58	+24.67%
S&P 400	2,902.19	+8.92	+25.82%
Wilshire 5000	48,712.27	+353.20	+23.46%
Russell 2000	2,411.78	+2.64	+22.12%

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	16,094.07	+10.96	.07%	+17.31%
London	7,347.91	-36.27	-.49%	+13.74%
Hong Kong	25,327.97	+79.98	.32%	-6.99%
Nikkei	29,609.97	+332.11	+1.13%	+7.89%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	40.00	+.54	+1786.8	MetLife Inc (MET)	64.19	+.56	+36.7
AT&T Inc (T)	24.94	+.02	-13.3	Micron Tech (MU)	77.30	+2.75	+2.8
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	147.89	+1.88	+61.3	Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	336.72	+4.29	+51.4
Altamire Therapeutic (CYTO)	2.33	+.81	+150.5	Novartis AG (NVS)	82.49	-.35	-12.6
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	20.29	-1.04	+28.7	NuZee Inc (NUZE)	5.15	-.14	-51.4
Amphenol Corp (APH)	84.02	+1.20	+24.67%	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	303.90	...	+132.8
Apple Inc (AAPL)	149.99	+2.12	+13.0	Organigram Holdings (OGI)	2.33	+.12	+75.2
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	50.43	-.08	+11.0	Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	85.63	+2.23	+26.8
Bank of America (BAC)	46.91	-.58	+54.8	Palantir Technol (PLTR)	22.83	-.16	-3.1
Barnes Group (B)	44.12	+.03	-13.0	Paysafe Ltd (PSFE)	4.50	+.26	-66.7
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2451.65	-27.39	+10.1	Peoples Uttd Fnc (PBCT)	18.46	+.06	+42.8
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	59.43	+.24	-42.4	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.73	-.45	+35.1
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	94.02	-.19	+37.7	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	8.01	+.09	+30.0
Carnival Corp (CCL)	22.36	-.66	+3.2	Progenity Inc (PROG)	2.97	-.13	-44.1
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	56.12	+1.62	+48.8	Prudential Fncl (PRU)	110.75	+.48	+41.9
Charter Communic (CHTR)	689.35	-4.86	+4.2	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	62.17	-.02	+6.6
Cigna Corp (CII)	217.73	+.03	+4.6	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	88.86	-.19	+24.3
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	53.50	-.16	+2.1	Riot Blockchain Inc (RIOT)	44.19	+4.66	+160.1
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	9.51	+.55	-32.7	Rivian Automotive A (RIVN)	129.95	+6.96	+29.0
Disney (DIS)	159.63	-2.48	-11.9	Rogers Corp (ROG)	269.77	+.19	+73.7
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	130.08	+.12	+42.2	Roblox Corp (RBLX)	107.58	+.46	+54.8
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.92	+.03	+23.3	SOS Ltd (SOS)	1.56	+.05	+5.4
Eversource Energy (ES)	81.95	-.56	-5.3	SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	78.87	+.10	+8.4
Everspin Technologie (MRAM)	10.74	+4.16	+133.5	SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	22.76	-.21	+5.5
Ford Motor (F)	19.50	-.05	+121.8	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	196.61	+6.32	+10.1
Fortuna Silver Mines (FSM)	3.87	-.07	-53.0	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	26.10	-.13	+35.2
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	11.23	+.11	+.5	Sundia Growers Inc (SNDL)	.92	+.20	+94.1
Gen Dynamics (GD)	200.97	+1.88	+35.0	Terex Corp (TEX)	49.18	-.07	+41.0
Gen Electric (GE)	107.59	+.59	+24.8	Tesla Inc (TSLA)	1033.42	-30.09	+46.4
General Motors Co (GM)	63.40	+1.58	+52.3	Tilray Inc (TLRY)	12.94	+1.08	+56.7
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	71.75	-1.43	+46.5	Travelers Cos (TRV)	157.42	-.41	+12.1

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Vets in Congress bear greater burden

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
The Washington Post

We rely on fewer and fewer of our fellow Americans to bear the burdens of war.

Nowhere is this narrowing of the responsibilities of military service more obvious than in the halls of Congress. Half a century ago, roughly three-quarters of the members of the House and Senate had served in the military. Today, veterans account for less than a fifth of Congress.

This is, in part, a natural outcome of the end of the draft. But that does not reduce our national obligation to make Veterans Day more than a one-off occasion for gratitude.

We need to take stock of the burdens that 20 years of war have imposed on a remarkably limited share of American families.

And we need to consider what it means that a large proportion of our nation's leadership has never known what it is like to face combat. Its members have never had to risk their lives carrying out

decisions made far away. They do not have to bear the physical and emotional scars of battle long after the wars end.

Perhaps because they are a self-chosen few, military veterans in Congress feel a special responsibility — to other vets, to the nation and to each other. Twenty-five veterans from both parties formed the For Country Caucus, with the goal of "a less polarized Congress."

In these divided times, the caucus's statement of purpose feels more aspirational than realistic, but Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, D-Pa., an Air Force veteran who grew up in a military family, said the group is a kind of beachhead. "There is a certain amount of civility and decorum and respect afforded to somebody who has also worn the uniform," she said.

Rep. Jason Crow, D-Colo., agreed: "You'll never find us calling each other unpatriotic or questioning ... what the other person is trying to achieve." Crow, who served in the Army in both Iraq and Afghanistan, noted:

"Because once you do that, there is no going back and you can't have a discussion with somebody — you just can't."

One of the reasons he ran for Congress, Rep. Michael Waltz, R-Fla., told me, was as a response to its declining share of former service members. "We're at a record low in terms of veterans in Congress," he said. "I think that is a big part of explaining the record amount of dysfunction. I really do." When 70 to 80 percent of members had been in the military, he said, "you just had that commonality of service."

Crow is passionate about the health care, education benefits and other basic support owed to veterans and their families. But he is most animated about something larger and harder to execute: a "radical change in our society in the way that we distribute the burdens of conflict."

It begins, Crow said, with facing up to what it means to "ask a very small number of people to bear that burden for

everybody else." The nation requires "a more honest running conversation about the costs of asking these young men and women to go off and do very, very challenging, sometimes very troubling things, on our behalf."

"People that are going into our military are coming from a smaller and smaller subset of the country," he added. "You have fewer counties contributing a larger percentage of our military. That's not good for our country. That's not good for our military, either."

Rep. Anthony G. Brown, D-Md., a 30-year veteran of the Army and Army Reserve, insisted that his non-veteran colleagues are "no less patriotic" than those who have served. But having fewer members with military experience makes debates on war and national security "more conceptual and abstract."

Debates over the "numbers of lives lost, trillions of dollars spent" often "don't have a whole lot of stories behind" them, Brown said.

His love for the military,

Brown added, is what pushed him to engage on issues related to "diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives on promotions, fighting extremism in the military ranks," and reforming how the military deals with sexual assault.

Houlahan sees the shortage of veterans in Congress as owing in part to "how we elect people." Most veterans, she said, "don't have a very deep bank of people that they know who might have the resources that they need to be able to communicate."

This is part of the larger question looming over us this Veterans Day. Yes, we should thank vets for their service. Yes, we should, as Houlahan, Crow and others argue, create a far more robust system of national civilian service.

But we should also recognize the costs to a democracy of asking so much of such a small share of our people.

E.J. Dionne writes on politics for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Install cameras and fine violators

I just read in The Courant about the possibility of street cameras to 'warn' drivers of illegally going through red lights [Page 1, Nov. 6, "City council pushes for red-light cameras"].

First of all, yes we need cameras at the street lights, many drivers have no regard for street signs. I fully endorse the use of street cameras, but it should not be for a warning, it should be for a fine. Warnings would be ignored; stiff fines would lessen the bad driving habits.

Europe has had cameras for decades, I for one slowed down and ensured that I fully complied with the rules of the road. Police cannot be at every intersection to enforce our laws. Time for cameras and fines.

Manny Teixeira, Hartford

13 Republicans did the right thing

The recently passed infrastructure bill will bring tremendous benefits to Connecticut and all 50 states. So the 13 House Republicans who crossed party lines to vote for the bill must have been thinking of the quote by Mark Twain: "Do the right thing. You will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

Thomas D. Witt, Middletown

Wrong message on pot, gambling

Jeffrey Grandahl from Simsbury wrote a letter to the editor [Opinion, Letters, Nov. 7] that should be read by all. For decades the American Medical Association has said that addiction is a disease, and yet we continue to wave the carrot in front of potential victims with no guilt, while placing blame on the unfortunate ones while stigmatizing them.

We have made it clear in this greedy world that money is more important and it doesn't really make a bit of difference how it is made. When we call pot use "recreational" and gambling "entertainment" that sends the wrong message.

For a potential addict and their families, it is anything but. Mr. Grandahl spoke honestly and should be given credit for his message.

Hope McKay Rice, Enfield

Missing the Saturday motoring column

I agree with Bob Hall's request to return the weather to Page 2 [Opinion, Letters, Nov. 8]. While there might be valid thinking in relation to the print edition (i.e. just look at the back page), it really makes no sense in the digital edition, especially without a link on the Page 1 weather summary.

Also, in regard to the new format where you assured us that there would be no loss of content, I miss the motoring news column in the Saturday edition — it was a consistent source of news in relation to the quickly changing subject of electric cars.

Thanks.

Tim Morse, Chester



A demonstrator poses with an installation depicting Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg during a protest opposite the Houses of Parliament in central London on Oct. 25 as whistleblower Frances Haugen was set to testify to British lawmakers. **TOLGA AKMEN/GETTY**

ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AN IMAGE PROBLEM

By Dr. Stuart Koman and Robert J. Keane

Last month, the Wall Street Journal reported that Facebook Inc.'s own internal research determined that the addictive nature of its Instagram app can send teens spiraling toward eating disorders, an unhealthy sense of their own bodies and depression.

The research, leaked by Face-

book whistleblower Frances Haugen, indicated 32% of teen girls said that when they felt bad about their bodies, Instagram made them feel worse.

Further, Instagram's engagement-based rankings can lead

young people from very innocuous topics such as "healthy recipes" to anorexia-promoting content over a very short period of time. This consumption of

eating-disorder content among

young girls fuels depression and

unfortunately makes them use

the app even more.

None of Facebook's findings

is surprising, but the fact that

the company is doing nothing to

remedy them is galling.

Over the past decade — amid

the rise of social media — we've

increasingly seen younger girls,

some as young as 10 years old,

suffering from eating disorders

and an unhealthy sense of their

own bodies. More recently,

there has been a dramatic

increase in the need for mental

health support due to the isolation

caused by the pandemic,

which has had a disproportionate

effect on young people.

We often hear from adoles-

cents a distorted understanding

and expectation of happiness in

life. The images they are

fed hundreds of times a day

depict life as a constant stream of

elation. The message they

receive is quite clear: that they

don't fit in, and that their lives

lack what everyone else seems

to have. Isolation, loneliness and depression soon follow.

So when tweens and young

teens scroll through these

perfectly curated Instagram

feeds, they too often use them

as a benchmark against which

to measure themselves. Early

adolescents are already at

the greatest risk for develop-

ing eating disorders because

puberty and physical changes

tend to make them more

self-conscious about their

bodies.

Also, tweens and young teens

are not mature enough to regu-

late their own emotions and

self-esteem — they can easily

enter "clean eating" into Insta-

gram and tumble down a rabbit

hole to accounts that normaliz-

even romanticize harmful

food-restricting behaviors.

As of now, it's pretty evident

Facebook Inc. isn't going to

implement protections that

could dent its profit margins, so

it's incumbent upon all of us to

start teaching kids social media

literacy at a much earlier age.

Whether it's taught through

an elementary school curricu-

lum or around the kitchen

table at home, helping young

people recognize the difference

between a realistic image and

Photoshopped fantasy could

help head off eating disorders.

For example, flip through the

airbrushed advertisements in

any women's fashion magazine

and question the motivation

behind it. What is the ad trying

to persuade you to buy? Notice

how many of these play

on people's insecurities around appearance and body image.

Likewise, Instagram posts

from friends and peers are

essentially advertisements for

their "best self." Their feeds

may be full of sparkling, filtered

images from what appears to be

a perfect life, but posts are care-

fully selected to persuade you

to click "like." People rarely post

about their hidden insecurities.

In fact, receiving "likes" on

social media posts triggers

the same circuits in the teen-

age brain that are activated by

eating chocolate or winning the

lottery. For some, this can begin

the cycle of the need to re-cre-

ate that feeling with more posts

and thus more time on social

media — and down those toxic

rabbit holes.

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Town Of Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commission

The Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commission held a virtual public meeting on November 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and made the following decisions:

Application # 2096-21-Z - Dough Sauce & Cheese LLC DBA Luna Pizza - 181-183 Main Street - Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2.F.1. for a take out restaurant, a walk in cooler and storage shed at 181-183 Main Street...Continued to 11-16-22.

Application #3006-21-Z - Hartford Brewing Company LLC - Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2.F.2. and 9. for a change of use to a Brewpub with outside dining at 245 Main Street...Approved with Conditions.

Application #3001-21-Z - Ocean State Job Lot #323 -Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.3. Accessory Use for Outdoor Storage and Display of Propane at 13 Wells Road...Tabled.

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BERLIN Irene Lewchik	MANCHESTER Joyce A. Tonkin
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CHAPLIN Kathleen Patera*	NEW BRITAIN Robert J Graveline Evelyn P. Tobias Maureen A. Trudel
EAST HARTFORD Pauline Dellhime	NEWINGTON Robert J Graveline
EASTFORD Lewis C. Shambach III	PLAINVILLE Kathleen Novack
ELLINGTON Randall G. Grous	ROCKY HILL Robert J Graveline
ENFIELD Shirley Miller* Stephen R. Schools	SOUTH WINDSOR Carolyn J. Anderson Richard E Bergeron
FARMINGTON Evelyn P. Tobias Maureen A. Trudel	VERNON Randall G. Grous Frederick E. Morrissey
HARTFORD Pauline Dellhime	WEST HARTFORD Angela Flammia

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES**Anderson, Carolyn J. (Wilson)**

Carolyn J. (Wilson) Anderson, 81, of South Windsor, died peacefully on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at home, surrounded by her family. She was born in Westfield, MA, on December 15, 1939, daughter to the late Lawrence B. and Eleanor B. (Dunn) Wilson. Carolyn graduated from Commerce High School in Springfield, MA with the Class of 1957. She grew up in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield, MA. Carolyn worked as the office manager for the math and physics department at Trinity College for many years. She loved her work, but more importantly the professors, co-workers and students she worked with. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time at the South Windsor Public Library. Carolyn was an intelligent, loving, kind, and private woman who will be dearly missed. She leaves her children, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) Edward W. Anderson III of Navarre, FL and Karen R. Mallin, and her husband Richard R. Mallin of Coventry, CT; her sisters, Patricia Walsh and her husband Dennis of Groton, CT, Kathleen Goodchild of Springfield, MA, and Donna Maello and her husband Skip of Ludlow, MA; her grandchildren, Melissa Rinaldo of Westport, CT and Jared Rinaldo and his fiancé, Megan Beesley of Billings, MT; and her great grandchildren, Ellie Mae Rinaldo and Mia Beesley both of Billings, MT. A private burial will be held at Wapping Cemetery in South Windsor. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Jude, Wounded Warriors or to a charity of your choice. A Celebration of Life event will be planned for Spring/Summer 2022 for family and friends. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home in South Windsor has care of the arrangement. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Bergeron, Richard E

Richard "Dick" E. Bergeron, 88, beloved wife of Dorothy (Eddy), of South Windsor, passed away on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at Touchpoints at Chestnut in East Windsor. Born in Essex Jct, VT, to the late Henry and Irene (Machia) Bergeron. Dick served in the US Army 43rd Div. during the Korean Conflict and returned home for a short time then relocating to Connecticut in 1953, marrying Dorothy in 1954.

Dick was employed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft for 38 years, retiring in 1991. After retiring, they moved back to Vermont for 9 years and then moved back to CT in 2000. He worked part time for Manchester Country Club for many years. He was a life member of the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department, also coaching little league baseball in the 1970's. He was a regular attendee of Wapping Community Church in South Windsor. Dick and Dorothy enjoyed many years of camping and traveling with their motorhome and spent many winters in Florida.

Besides his loving wife of 67 years, he is also survived by his daughter, Pamela Wahlberg and her husband John Robert of Manchester; two grandchildren John Robert "Rob" and great-granddaughter Eleanor and great-grandson Jack, of West Springfield, MA, granddaughter Elizabeth Boylan and her husband William and great-granddaughter Evelyn of Downingtown, PA. He is survived by two sisters, Dorothy Wilson of Burlington, VT, Barbara Lawrence of South Burlington, VT; three brothers Barry Bergeron of Winooski, VT, Robert Bergeron and wife Judy of Rouses Pt., NY and John Bergeron and wife Theresa of Jericho, VT; sister-in-law Patricia Bartlett and husband Robin of Jericho, VT; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by a son Mark, sisters Lorraine, Ilene and Margaret; brothers Gerald, Larry and Carroll.

The Bergeron Family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Touchpoints at Chestnut for their compassion and care of Richard. A special thank you to Morgan Engle, LPN and Faith Kinback, LPN.

Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, from 10-11 a.m. followed by a memorial service, with a burial at East Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dick's name can be made to Visiting Nurse and Health Services, 8 Keynote Drive, Vernon, CT 06066. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

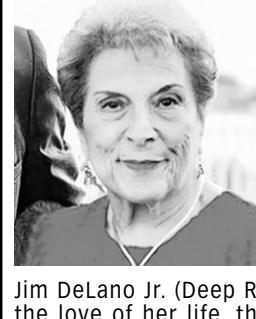
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Schools, Stephen Robert

Stephen Robert Schools passed peacefully from this world surrounded by love and light on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at the age of 69 years. Stephen was born in Houlton, Maine on December 15, 1951, the son of Bernard J. Schools and Grace Maybelle Sligar Schools. He was self-employed by S. Penn Pallet in York PA, retiring ten years ago. Stephen is survived by his wife of 26 years, Gwendolyn J. Schools, a stepson Ronald E. Hoffman and wife Stephanie Hoffman of SC, a son-in-law, Sach Giacomo of Australia, two sisters Jane E. Labreck of VT and Anna L. Grover of ME, a brother Gary A. Schools and wife Geraldine Schools of CT. He also leaves behind 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren and many close relatives and friends. He is predeceased by his daughter, Summer Grace Montpetit of CT, son Scott Patrick Hublitz of CT, stepson Randolph L. Hoffman of PA. Also leaving before him are many brothers and sisters; Lewis E. Schools, Louise M. Shewokis, Gerald B. Schools, William T. Schools, Theresa D. Piader, Philip E. Schools, Madeline M. Bridges, Donald M. Schools and Edith F. Johns. He is a long time member of the Community of Terra Lux, a spiritual organization in Enfield, CT. Cremation Services of Lancaster is in charge of his cremation. At his request, his grandson, Jacob E. Hoffman, will be in charge of his ashes. Private Memorial times will be announced at a later date.

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OBITUARIES**DeLano, Violet**

Surrounded by her family at home in Westbrook, Violet DeLano peacefully departed this life on November 11, 2021. Born in Middletown in 1931, Violet was the daughter of the late Jennie (Faraci) and Frank Nocera. Violet leaves behind three children—Donna Hotkowski (Westbrook), Sheri & Bob Stalsburg (Westbrook), and Jim DeLano Jr. (Deep River). She raised her family with the love of her life, the late Jim DeLano to whom she was married for 58 years. Violet and Jim created a beautiful and successful life together that included several entrepreneurial ventures—in both Connecticut and Florida,—including restaurants (the Deep River Inn) and assisted living centers. These businesses were built on hard work and dedication, traits they passed on to their family, inspiring many others to pursue their own dreams of business ownership. Violet adored her six grandchildren—Brittany Stalsburg & Chuck Fritch (East Haven), Eric & Christine Stalsburg (Madison), Kelly Stalsburg & Anthony Quinn (East Haven), Nick Hotkowski & Katie Hotkowski (both of Westbrook), and Aulden DeLano (Deep River). Additionally, she took immense pleasure in being a great-grandmother to Dean and Della Fritch-Stalsburg. She is also predeceased by her sister, Amelia (Mimi) Cart and is survived by a brother, Frank Nocera Jr., of Ivoryton. She was "Antie Vi" to two special nieces, Robin Ucich (Old Saybrook) and Jodi & Mark Young (Westbrook). Violet also leaves behind a big extended family, including aunts and uncles, cousins, and other loved ones. A classic Italian grandmother, Violet loved cooking basta ca zasa, making her opinion known (positive or negative!), and looking out for her family no matter what. As she got older, she displayed a type of unconditional acceptance in people that meant the world to those whose lives she touched. If you came to her with a problem, she would reassure you in a way that made you feel that whatever you were doing, you were OK just the way you are. She developed a "don't sweat the small stuff" attitude that continues to inspire her family today, reminding us that life is precious and to prioritize what really matters. She is now joyfully dancing with her husband Jim in heaven with the angels. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, November 15th at 10:30am at St. Joseph Church, Middlesex Twp, Chester. Interment will follow at the parish cemetery. To leave share a memory or leave a condolence for Violet's family please visit www.rwwfh.com. Arrangements by Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, Centerbrook.

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Dellhime, Pauline (Quattropani)

Pauline Quattropani Dellhime was born at Hartford Hospital on November 12, 1930 to the late Frank and Pauline Carpino Quattropani. She died on December 8, 2020 due to COVID-19 at Hartford Hospital. She lived on Strandish Street in Hartford. She worked part time and then full time after graduating from Buckley High School, class of 1950. She met her future husband, Eugene Dellhime, at Buckley. They later met in Downtown Hartford where she gave him her address as he was going into the Navy. They wrote to each other and Married on June 2, 1951. While Eugene was in the South Pacific, their first born son, Kenneth, was born on May 15, 1954. After returning from service, Eugene and Pauline lived on Strandish Street where their second son, Sigmund, was born on July 18, 1957. They moved to East Hartford, living at the same address until her death. She was known to her husband and friends as Pauline, sons Kenneth and his wife Kim, and Sigmund (aka Max) and wife Roberta as mom. Grandchildren: Ethan, Spencer, and step-children as Grandma Babe. Her brother and his wife Delores, sisters Lucia and Carol also knew her as Babe, as well as her many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her brother Joseph and his wife Delores, of East Hartford, sisters Lucia and her husband Dale Peterson, of Florida, and sister Carol Myerhardt of Hebron, CT. She was buried at the State Veteran's Cemetery in Middletown, CT where her husband will be buried upon his death with her. Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford has been entrusted with arrangements. For an online memorial, please visit www.NewkirkAndWhitney.com.

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Trudel, Maureen Ann

Maureen Ann Trudel (Smith), age 69, beloved wife of David M. Trudel of Farmington, CT, passed away at home on Monday November 8, 2021. Born March 21, 1952 to the late New Britain Fire Captain Robert J. Smith and Ruth (Lynch) Smith, she attended St. Mary's, then New Britain High School graduating in 1970.

She married Dave in February of 1976 and they raised their family in Farmington, CT. Maureen first worked as a teacher's aide in New Britain before becoming employed in the Farmington School system as a Cafeteria Manager. Arts and Crafts were a hobby of hers and she was passionate about cooking and baking, famous for her lasagna.

Maureen and Dave enjoyed their annual vacations in the White Mountains of New Hampshire with their three daughters, Kelly, Patricia and Sarah. She had a special place in her heart for her children's friends, always treating them as her own. Maureen cultivated lifelong friendships with the "Gilbert Street Girls," named for the neighborhood she grew up in. Her seven grandchildren brought her the most joy through her final years. She will be missed.

Maureen is survived by her husband David Trudel of Farmington, daughter Kelly Barboni and husband Paul of West Grove, PA, daughter Patricia Franzese of Farmington, CT, daughter Sarah Arborio and husband Jake of Bristol, CT, her grandchildren; Nicholas, Anthony and Matthew Franzese, Joseph and Isabella Arborio, Molly and Melanie Barboni, her brother Mark Smith and his wife Patricia, brother Stephen Smith and his partner Jean Trasko, sister-in-law Sheila Smith, brothers-in-law Stephen Trudel and wife Barbara, Thomas Trudel and wife Deb, Robert Trudel and wife Veronica, Michael Trudel, James Trudel, sister-in-law Lynn McCarron and husband Thomas, sixteen nieces and nephews and several grand nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Robert and Ruth Smith, her in-laws Emile and Isabelle Trudel, her brother Michael Smith, her twin sister Marybeth Smith and sisters-in-law Lorrie Trudel and Angela Trudel.

Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Monday (Nov. 15) from 4:00-8:00pm. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday (Nov. 16) at 10:30am in Grace Congregational Church, 110 South Road, Farmington with Rev. Dr. Karen Roy officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Farmington Food Pantry, 75 Main St., Farmington, CT 06032. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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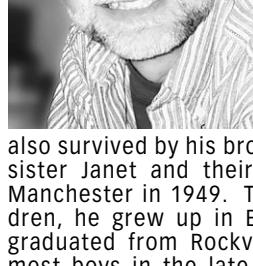
**Flammia, Angela Albreada**

Angela Carol Flammia, 83, passed away on November 10, 2021 surrounded by her children and loved ones. She was born on March 31, 1938, in Torrington, the daughter of the late Frank and Adele (DelMedico) Albreada. Angela graduated from Torrington High School in 1956 and from the New York Polyclinic School of Radiology as the valedictorian of her class in 1958. She worked at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center for 50 years, where she made beloved friends and met her future husband, Norbert Flammia. The pair were married in September of 1961 and lived in Thomaston until 1969, when they moved to West Hartford, where she lived happily for the rest of her life. She is survived by her four children, Dana Denault and her husband Brian of Simsbury, Mark Flammia and his fiancée Christina of Burlington, Lauren Yanosy and her husband James of West Hartford, and David Flammia and his wife Kelley of West Hartford; her grandchildren, Alexandria, Zachary and his wife, Harper, and Ashleigh Denault, Frank, Ana and Jena Flammia, Mia, Julia and Luke Yanosy, and Griffin, Grant, and Gwenyth Flammia. Other close surviving family members include daughter-in-law Christine Conte, and sisters-in-law Nancy Flammia and Cleo Albreada. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many adored friends. She was predeceased by her husband, Norbert Flammia, her brothers Frank and Donald Albreada, her brother-in-law Frederick Flammia, and her sisters-in-law Rosalind Membrino and Eleanor Albreada. Angela was an avid reader and a talented seamstress, and closely followed the Boston Red Sox, the Dallas Cowboys, and the men's and women's UConn basketball teams. Most importantly, Angela was a steadfast friend and a devoted mother and grandmother, who gave generously of her time and talents. She loved being "Nonna" to her twelve grandchildren, attending all of their sports games, concerts, recitals, and other events, and gave to each of them unique support and love. Angela was very proud of her Italian heritage and enjoyed making authentic Italian dishes, like risotto, polenta and (the best) meatballs for her entire family. She was a devout Catholic and was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church for over fifty years. Angela was cheerful, hardworking, and singularly kind, and her spirit will live on in all her loved ones. Family and friends are invited to celebrate her life at a Funeral Mass on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Burial will be at a later date. Calling hours will be on Sunday, November 14, 2021 from 2-6 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Memorial donations may be made to Francis J. and Donald G. Albreada UNICO Scholarship Fund, c/o Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, 32 City Hall Ave., P.O. Box 1144, Torrington, CT 06790 or to The Office of Radio and TV at www.ORTV.org. Angela's family would like to thank her entire medical team and all of the staff at St. Francis Hospital for their support and care in her final days. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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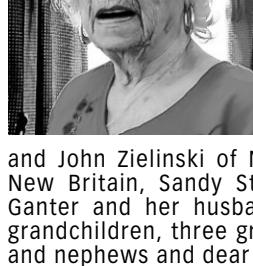
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Grous, Randall Gene

Randall Gene Grous passed away quietly at his home in Ellington, CT on Sunday, October 31, 2021 after a long battle with Parkinson's. He is predeceased by his parents Alexander and Virginia and his brother Jeffery, and is survived by his wife Victoria, his children Matthew, Jennifer, Jonathan, Daniel and Rebecca, and by 21 grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Kenneth and Tracy and his sister Janet and their families. Randy was born in Manchester in 1949. The oldest of his parents' 5 children, he grew up in Ellington, moved to Vernon and graduated from Rockville High School in 1967. Like most boys in the late 60s Randy loved fast cars and playing guitar. He also fell in love with the beautiful girl next door, whom he married in 1970. He graduated from Rose Polytechnic Institute 1971 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. After graduating college Randy worked with his father Alexander building homes. With his own hands he built the home in Ellington where he and Vicki raised their family. Randy eventually went to work for his father-in-law at Lonsdale Elevator Company where he began his 41-year career as an Elevator Mechanic. He retired from OTIS in September 2015. All 3 of his sons and 1 grandson have followed in his footsteps and now work in the trade. Randy lived his life in service to his family, his church, and his Lord Jesus. He leaves behind a legacy of faith and a long train of lives touched by that faith in action. He left no room for doubt regarding the destination of his eternal soul and all who knew him and witnessed the brilliant double rainbow over his home on the night of his passing would mark it as God's own sign of approval on a life well lived. Though he will be sorely missed, his family celebrates with him now that he has reached his final destination in the arms of his Lord Jesus! Calling hours will be held at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road (Route 83), Vernon, on Thursday, November 18th from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. A celebration of his life will be held at Rockville Church of the Nazarene, 47 East Street, Vernon, on Saturday, November 20th at 11:00 a.m. In memory of Randy, in lieu of flowers, please donate to Parkinson's research (<https://www.parkinson.org>) or the RCN Rock Ministry (www.paypal.me/therockct) For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Tobias, Evelyn Parker

Evelyn (Parker) Tobias, 83, passed away on November 8, 2021. Longtime resident of New Britain and recently Brookdale Assisted Living in Farmington, CT. Graduate of New Britain High School. Evelyn was employed for 23 years until her retirement at Central Connecticut State University. Evelyn leaves four daughters: Katie Szilabowski and John Zielinski of New Britain, Sandy St. Laurent of Newington, Linda Ganter and her husband John of Hampton, CT; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and dear friends. Evelyn recently lost her husband of two years, Walter Tobias in August 2021. New Britain Memorial & Donald D. Sagarino Funeral Home, 444 Farmington Avenue, New Britain has been entrusted with arrangements. A graveside service will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 10:00am at St.

OBITUARIES

Graveline, Robert J.



Robert Graveline, 89 of Rocky Hill, beloved husband of Monique (Dufort) Graveline, died peacefully at Hartford Hospital on Wednesday November 10, 2021.

Bob was born in New Britain to Joseph and Bernice (Davenport) Graveline where he lived and raised a family over many years. He was a Korean War Army veteran and met the love of his life, Monique, at Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. They enjoyed 65 years together, living in New Britain and Rocky Hill. Bob worked for Northeast Utilities for 38 years in a variety of roles from data processing to budget and training. He was a 1977 graduate of Central Connecticut State University, earning his degree in Business Administration at night while maintaining his full-time job. He later earned a Master's degree in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Bob was a fan of the Red Sox, Celtics, New York Giants and UCONN basketball. He enjoyed big band music and movies from the 40s and 50s, with a particular fondness for war movies. Bob had a natural curiosity and a hunger to always learn more – in particular learning about the family genealogy. He was a devout Catholic and proudly served his parishes – St. John the Evangelist in New Britain and St. Josephine Bakhita in Rocky Hill – as a lector, usher and eucharistic minister. Above all he was a dedicated husband and father, brother, uncle, and grandfather. He was loved and admired as the wonderful family man that he was.

Besides his wife, Bob is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Michele and Walter Malkauskas of Newington; son Joseph of St. Charles, Missouri; his sister Florina McKenney of Mansfield, MA; several cousins and many nieces and nephews. Bob was a loving grandfather to Jennifer and Emily Malkauskas, Katie Babey, and Jessica and Jacob Caswell. He was predeceased by his daughters Elaine Graveline Davenport and Denise Graveline, and his brother Eugene Graveline and sister Shirley Johanns.

The immediate family will hold a private burial. A memorial will be planned later.

The family would like to thank the Hartford Hospital palliative team, the visiting nurses and therapists from Hartford Healthcare for their dedicated work, as well as the home health aides who both cared for Bob directly and helped Monique care for him as well.

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Lewchik, Irene (Krolikowski)



Irene (Krolikowski) Lewchik, 95, of Berlin, beloved wife of the late Fred Lewchik died Tuesday, November 9, 2021 surrounded by her family.

Born in Simsbury, CT, on June 18, 1926, daughter of the late Joseph and Stephanja (Tajmajer), Irene was raised in Simsbury and graduated from Simsbury High School in 1944. She was a communicant of St. Paul's Church, Kensington, a member of St. Paul's Ladies Guild and member of The Berlin Senior Center.

Irene retired from Argo Industries in 1999 with over 25 years of service.

Irene was an avid flower gardener and prize winner for her Dahlias and African Violets at the Berlin Fair, dog lover, seamstress, cook, baker, vegetable preserver and loved to play Scrabble with her children and grandchildren. She and Fred were members of the Rocky Hill Square Dance group for over 20 years and also loved Round Dancing. She and Fred also enjoyed Cruises and traveling as far as Sweden with friends.

Irene is survived by her seven children; Fred (Mary) Lewchik of Newington, Karen Rose of Atlanta, GA, Gail (Wayne) Bernaiche of Vernon, Cynthia (Daniel) Wagner of Southington, Philip Lewchik of Berlin, Audrey (Robert) Bradley of N. Attleboro, MA, Michael Lewchik and Robert Worster of Berlin. 12 Grandchildren, Heather (Karl) Strauss, Brent (Jami) Lewchik, Bryan (Megan) Lewchik, Kimberly (Sam) Patterson, Christopher & Whitney Rose, Nicholas and Austin Bernaiche, Michael, George, John and William Bradley, 7 Great grandchildren, Brooke and Hailey Strauss, Jack and Dace Lewchik, Connor and Madelyn Patterson and Rowan Lewchik, her sister, Nellie Gemboski, and many nieces and nephews. Irene is also survived by her best friend of 62 years, Joanne Meisterling of Berlin. She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Allison Rose, brother Joseph M. Krolikowski, sisters, Mary Dubowski, Agnes Ksiazek, Jennie Rudzinski, Caroline Sikora and son-in-law, Stanley H. Rose III.

The family would like to thank Irene's caregivers, Debbie Polzun and Christiana Nettey for their extraordinary care and devotion.

Everyone is invited to go directly to St. Paul Church, 479 Alling Street, Kensington at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Maple Cemetery, Berlin.

Friends may call at the Berlin Memorial Funeral Home, 96 Main Street, Kensington, Monday, November 15, 2021 4-6 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, Ct 06111.

The family requests COVID protocol be honored.

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Shamback III, Lewis C.



Lewis C. "Chuck" Shamback, III, 71, of Eastford, CT, passed away on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. He was born in Hartford, CT, son of the late Lewis C., II and Beverly (Hughes) Shamback. Chuck served our country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam era, and retired as a facility manager. Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Juli (Dougan) Shamback; two sons, Lewis C.

Shamback, IV and his wife Jill, and Benjamin J. Shamback and his wife Amanda; four grandchildren, Edie, Lilith, Charlie, and Emily; step son, Ernest G. Busch and his wife Paula; step grandson, Jory Carr; sister, Gail Kostruba her husband Michael, and their children, Shaun, Peter, and Amy; and brother-in-law, Patrick Dougan and his wife Sandra. He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary (Parzick) Shamback; and his step daughter, Cristin Busch. Chuck was a beloved Elder at Living Proof Church and a man of God. Calling hours will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 from 5-7 P.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. His funeral service will take place on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 10 A.M. at Living Proof Church, 38 Pompey Hollow Rd., Ashford, CT. Burial with Military Honors will follow the service at Eastford Grove Cemetery, Eastford, CT. Memorial donations can be made to Living Proof Church's Pavilion Fund, P.O. Box 115, Ashford, CT 06278. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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Milliot, Margaret



Margaret "Sis" (Greaves) Milliot, 89, of Higganum, formerly of Middletown, beloved wife of Robert Milliot, died October 29th, 2021 at Apple Rehab Center, Plainville. She was the youngest child of the late Norman and Rose (Flanagan) Greaves. She was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School (class of 1949) in Middletown. Always

the life of the party, Sis brought laughter and her quick wit everywhere she went. While she was raising her children, her brother coaxed her to waitress at his restaurant The Brownstone in Portland. Later, Margaret waitressed at the Clam Box in Wethersfield where she put on legendary skits for employee holiday parties. After attending Middlesex Community College, she began her bookkeeping career at the Cromwell Crest Nursing Home and Buckley Nursing Home in Hartford. Retirement didn't suit her, so she went back to work part time as a clerical assistant at SMW Local 40 Connecticut Sheet Metal Workers Union in Rocky Hill, working well into her 80s. As part of two large families (Greaves and Millots), vacations were spent camping with relatives. In later years, her family loved spending the twilight hours of summer having dinner poolside with her and Bob, where she could be counted on not only for an amazing meal, but also as a family historian, catching everyone up on the latest news and sharing stories of times passed. A dedicated grandmother, she faithfully picked her grandchildren up from school every day, and many years later, met her great-grandchildren at the bus stop. Sis was a fan of the UConn women's basketball, avid mystery reader and followed current affairs - her coffee table was always strewn with newspapers and magazines. Margaret is survived by her children, Nancy Allen of Duxbury, MA, Lynne Benedict of Higganum, CT, Sue Lanzarone and her husband Tony of Newington, CT, and Drew Milliot of Middlefield, CT; grandchildren, Larissa Johnson, Lacey Shamrock and her husband Tanner, Anthony Lanzarone, Thomas Lanzarone, and Madeline Milliot; great grandchildren, Fox and Senara Johnson; and sisters in law, Ruth Greaves, Portland, CT and Florence Milliot, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. "Aunt Sissy" also leaves many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Eleanor Bellmore, Hubert Greaves, Dorothy Todaro, Edward Greaves, John "Jake" Greaves and her son-in-law, Brett Allen. Burial will be held, Tuesday November 16th at 9 a.m. State Veterans' Cemetery, Middletown next to her husband. Friends may call on Monday the 15th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St. Middletown. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489.

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Morrissey, Frederick Eugene

Frederick Eugene Morrissey, 84, of Floral City, FL and formerly of Vernon, husband of the late Patricia (Beasley) Morrissey, passed away on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 in Inverness FL after a brief illness. Born in Fall River, MA on June 27, 1937, he was the son of the late Frederick M. and Arlene (Dussault) Morrissey. Fred was a graduate of Coyle High School in Taunton, MA, Class of 1955 and he earned his undergraduate degree from Holy Cross University in 1959. He received his Master's Degree in Business Administration from New York University.

After college, Fred went to work for The Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford where he met his future wife "Pat." The two married in 1965 and settled in Vernon.

Family and traditional family values meant everything to Fred and Pat, values that they worked to instill in their children. Fred was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church and a former CCD instructor.

He also served on several school committees at St. Bernard's School in Rockville where his children attended. Fred was a huge baseball fan, especially the Red Sox, and was a great historian of former players. He was an avid collector of antiques, especially anything nautical and pertaining to New England Steamships. Summers were spent with his family on Martha's Vineyard for two weeks each summer season, just as he had done with his parents. It is a tradition that his oldest son Timothy continues with his family today. After more than 30 years at Travelers, Fred took an early retirement and he and Pat and their daughter Eileen moved to Fort Collins, CO where they made their home by the Rockies for the next nine years. This was followed by a short return to Fall River and employment with American Tourister in Warren, RI before moving to Floral City, FL where he has resided for the last 20 years collecting antiques and visiting flea markets. Fred is survived by his children, Timothy F. Morrissey and his wife Kathy of Vernon, Jeffrey P. Morrissey and his wife Tammy of Vernon, and his daughter and caretaker Eileen Morrissey of Floral City, FL; his grandson, Connor F. Morrissey of Vernon; his sisters- in-law, Maureen Broaderick of Waterford, and Rosemary Pelletier of Niantic; two nephews, Joseph Pelletier of Deep River, and Denis Pelletier of Brooklyn, NY, and we cannot forget his beloved dog Molly, who misses him dearly. His family will receive friends for memorial calling hours on Wednesday, November 17th from 4 - 6 p.m. followed by a memorial service beginning at 6 p.m. at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road (Route 83), Vernon. Burial will be private and at the convenience of his family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Fred's memory may be made to The Red Sox Foundation, 4 Jersey Street, Boston, MA 02215 or redsoxfoundation@redsox.com. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Novack, Kathleen (Hinchliffe)

Kathleen Hinchliffe Novack, 66, of Plainville, passed away unexpectedly November 3, 2021. Kathy was born and raised in New Britain, daughter of the late Edward and Gertrude Deady Hinchliffe. Besides her parents, Kathy was predeceased by her husband, David. Kathy leaves behind her two daughters, Gail-Marie and Dawn Novack.

In addition, she leaves her brother Edward (Linda) Hinchliffe, her loving sister Gail (Don) Puorro, nieces and nephews. Burial will be private, at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kathy's memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Przygocki, Marian (McGivney)



Marian McGivney Przygocki, 92, passed away peacefully Sunday November 7, 2021 at her home. She was born November 27, 1928 in Bristol CT.

Marian and her husband were boating enthusiasts and enjoyed traveling the world together.

Marian leaves behind two children Joseph Przygocki Jr of Bristol CT, Cathy Edwards of Dundee FL, along with 3 grand children Marybeth Pirro and her husband Eric, Joseph Przygocki 111, Sean Edwards and a great grand daughter Adriana Przygocki.

Marian was predeceased by her husband of 64 years Joseph Przygocki and her daughter-in-law Cathy Przygocki.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday November 17, 2021 at 11 A.M. at St. Stanislaus church 492 West St. Bristol CT.

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Tonkin, Joyce A.

Joyce A. (Dillon) Tonkin, 78, of Manchester passed away peacefully on November 8, 2021. She was the daughter of the late Elmer J. Dillon and Emma M. (Nowe) Dillon. Joyce is predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Glenn J. Tonkin. She is survived by her sons, Glenn S. Tonkin and partner, Jennifer Metzger, and Steven F. Tonkin and wife Susan Tonkin. Joyce is also survived by her five grandchildren who she loved dearly: Kaitlyn, Madison, Gunnar, Reese, and Taylor, as well as her grand-dog, Buster. She is predeceased by her two brothers, Gerald H. Dillon and Kenneth C. Dillon. A special thanks goes to the doctors and nurses at St. Francis Hospital for their great care and compassion they provided for our entire family. The family will not be holding public services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joyce's name to The American Cancer Society at www.Cancer.org/Donate or The American Heart Association at www.Heart.org/Donate. Newkirk and Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford has been entrusted with arrangements. For an online memorial, please visit www.NewkirkAndWhitney.com.

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State to get \$53M for EV charging stations

Federal funding to be allocated over next 5 years as part of Biden's \$1.25 trillion infrastructure bill

By Christopher Keating

Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Finding an electric-car charging station will become easier for Connecticut drivers because of the \$53 million allocated to the state over the next five years by the federal government in an effort to cut air pollution by encouraging the use of electric cars.

The money is being set aside for the all-important stations that are crucial to the expansion of electric vehicles. The additional stations

will help combat "range anxiety" — a term used to acknowledge that some drivers are avoiding electric cars for fear that they will get stranded in an area with no charging station.

The funding is part of the \$1.25 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill that has passed both chambers of Congress. All seven members of Connecticut's Congressional delegation voted in favor of the package, which President Joe Biden is expected to sign Monday. Under an 80-20 matching grant, the state will contribute \$10.6 million to the

federal funding for a total allocation of \$63.6 million, officials said.

"This is absolutely going to be a game-changer," said Katie Dykes, the state's environmental commissioner. "The future of driving is electric.... It's a historic investment from Washington."

As of July 1, the state had about 17,000 electric cars registered out of more than 3 million vehicles in Connecticut, officials said. The electric cars include such brands as Chevrolet Volt, Honda Clarity and Toyota Prius Prime.

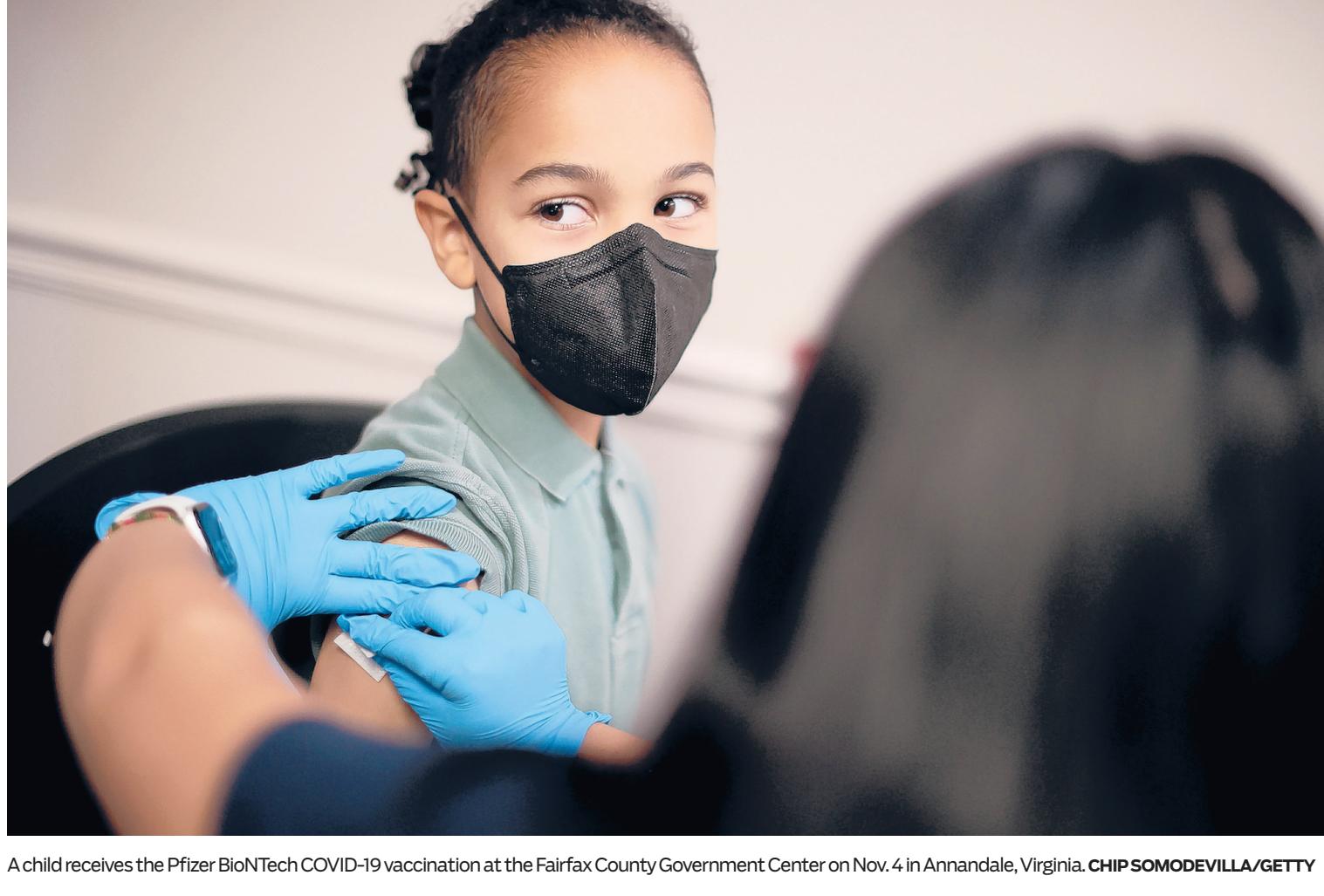
Connecticut has a goal of 500,000 electric cars by 2030.

"Connecticut has some of the

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Former state environmental commissioner Gina McCarthy, now the White House climate adviser, talks with EVgo Chief Executive Officer Cathy Zoi. AP



A child receives the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccination at the Fairfax County Government Center on Nov. 4 in Annandale, Virginia. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Weekly positivity rate at 2.68%, highest since Sept.

Steady climb in infections continues as colder weather, holiday gatherings near

By Eliza Fawcett

Hartford Courant

Connecticut's weekly COVID-19 test positivity rate rose to its highest point since Sept. 23 on Friday, though the state's number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 diminished notably.

The state's weekly positivity rate has risen steadily since the beginning of the month, a possible indicator of an approaching spike in COVID-19 cases amid colder weather and holiday gatherings.

Cases and positivity rate: Connecticut reported 458 new

COVID-19 cases Friday out of 17,555 tests administered, for a daily test positivity rate of 2.61%. The state's weekly COVID-19 positivity rate now stands at 2.68%, the highest it has been since Sept. 23.

As of Friday, Windham County continued to record "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, and Tolland counties had "substantial" levels of transmission, while Fairfield had only "moderate" transmission, meaning that residents there are not advised to wear masks indoors.

Cases and positivity rate: Connecticut reported 458 new

Hospitalizations: Connecticut reported 225 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, a decrease of 13 since Thursday.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

Deaths: Connecticut reports additional COVID-19 deaths once a week, on Thursdays.

The state reported 33 COVID-19 deaths this past Thursday, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,809.

The United States has now recorded 759,827 deaths related to

COVID-19, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

Vaccinations: As of Friday, 80.3% of all Connecticut residents and 91.9% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 71.2% of all residents and 81.7% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, 14.6% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents have received a booster dose.

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Brazen thefts hit area stores

String of incidents coincide with rise in organized retail crime

By Jesse Leavenworth

Hartford Courant

Recent brazen thefts at Connecticut supermarkets and other stores coincide with a nationwide rise in organized retail crime.

The National Retail Federation reported that a majority of surveyed retailers say stores are getting hit more often and that thieves have gotten more aggressive and violent. Retailers cited changes in law enforcement and sentencing guidelines and the growth of online marketplaces as top reasons behind the increase, the trade organization reported.

Southington stores, in particular, have been targeted recently. On Tuesday at 11:54 p.m. at the Stop & Shop on North Main Street, two males and a female loaded a shopping cart with baby diapers and paper towels and walked toward the exit, police said.

When a manager asked if they had paid, one of the males shoved him to the floor, department spokesman Lt. Keith Egan said. The manager hit his head, but refused transportation to the hospital, Egan said.

The thieves left in a blue van with no plates. Police tried to pull the van over on Meriden Avenue, but the driver sped away and the officer did not follow, Egan said. Police throughout the state follow a policy of not chasing vehicles if larceny or other nonviolent crimes are suspected.

Southington police also are investigating the attempted theft of food valued at about \$710 from a Shop Rite supermarket on Sunday. Confronted as she exited the store with a brimming cart-full of seafood and meat, the suspect threatened to stick a

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'The Band's Visit' finally makes it to The Bushnell

After pandemic delays, rescheduling, national tour to stop in Hartford

By Christopher Arnott

Hartford Courant

"The Band's Visit"'s attempt to visit The Bushnell has been as fraught as the bizarre journey depicted in the musical, in which a ceremonial police band from Egypt finds itself unexpectedly in a tiny desert town in Israel.

The national tour of the 2017 winner of the Tony award for best musical was originally scheduled to play The Bushnell in April 2020. Just weeks earlier, theaters shut down due to the COVID-19



The national tour of the award-winning Broadway musical "The Band's Visit," based on the 2007 film about international harmony, is at The Bushnell from Nov. 16-21. EVAN ZIMMERMAN/MURPHYMADE

pandemic. As the perception of the length and scope of the pandemic changed, "The Band's Visit" was rescheduled again and again.

One other show originally planned as part of the 2019-20 season, "Escape to Margaritaville," finally happened last month.

Another, "Dear Evan Hansen,"

is due in Hartford at the end of March.

"The Band's Visit" is based on the award-winning 2007 movie written and directed by Eran Kiriin. It was adapted for the stage by Itamar Moses and has songs

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Students get a say in \$1.5M in relief funding

Proposals sought for how to best spend federal aid

Associated Press

Thousands of Connecticut high school students from across the state will decide how more than \$1.5 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds for schools will be spent.

Forty-three school districts, which encompass 77 high schools, have agreed to participate in the state's new campaign called Voice4Change. The initiative, administered by the Connecticut State Department of Education, allows students to submit proposals for how best to spend \$20,000 in their respective schools.

They can begin submitting applications later this month. Proposals will be accepted until early January.

On March 11, students at each high school will vote on which

proposal they prefer for their particular school. The ideas must be deemed eligible to receive American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief funds. The state, school district and students are then expected to work together to make sure the winning proposal at their school is implemented.

Five "Commissioner Choice" awards will also be awarded to fulfill five student proposals that didn't win enough votes.

"I found in life the bigger the table, the more ideas you get, the better the outcome," Gov. Ned Lamont told students at the CREC Civic Leadership High School in Enfield on Wednesday. "I want you to have a stake in the outcome.... I like people who have a stake in the game and incentives to make it happen."

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Hartford emergency personnel hosting public safety career fair

By Seamus McAvoy

Hartford Courant

Hartford public safety officials will host a career fair on Saturday in a bid to recruit new police officers and other emergency personnel.

The fair will be held at the West Indian Social Club between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and include representatives from fire, police and emergency dispatch, the latter described as "crucial to the very heartbeat of the city of Hartford" by Sgt. Steve Austin, of Hartford police's recruitment division.

While city fire has just admitted a new academy class, police and dispatch are actively hiring.

The Hartford Police department currently has 379 sworn officers with 16 recruits scheduled to graduate from the academy on Dec. 17, according to Lt. Aaron Boisvert, a department spokesperson.

Those numbers are lower than in recent months. In May, Hartford had 407 officers after losing 37 to retirements, resignations

and terminations in the past 12 months, Police Chief Jason Thody said at the time. Of the officers who resigned, many reported leaving for better-paying jobs in neighboring departments.

The number of departures hasn't been inordinate, according to Austin, but the department has had to focus on bringing in new recruits. "Based upon some of the political social events that have happened in the last two or three years, you've seen that people have not really taken to law enforcement as a career path," Austin said.

Municipal police departments nationwide were scrutinized in the wake of George Floyd's murder at the hands of Minneapolis police officers.

Now, Austin thinks the tide is turning more favorably. "The reality is that people want public safety, they really, really appreciate us and the things we do out here in the city of Hartford," he said.

The department is "very optimistic about hiring more than enough

officers to fill out our agency, which will be a full contingency of about 560 officers," Austin said.

Amid what's been dubbed the "Great Resignation," millions of Americans have or plan to quit or change their jobs. A record 4.4 million workers quit their jobs in September, according to data released Friday by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

For those considering a career in law enforcement, Austin said workers from myriad backgrounds could have transferrable skills.

The most important, he said, is "to be human," and "have compassion for your fellow man."

"I think that's something that all of us have, we just need to take that skill that we already think we have and make sure we transfer that into law enforcement," Austin said.

West Indian Social Club is located at 3340 Main St. in Hartford.

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Massachusetts driver charged with DUI after fatal I-91 crash in Enfield

By Christine Dempsey

Hartford Courant

said his eyes were glassy and he smelled of alcohol. Troopers conducted a field sobriety test, which he failed, state police said.

"The accused struggled to keep his balance and slurred his words when speaking," the investigating trooper wrote in a report.

He was charged with operating while under the influence of liquor or drugs and was in custody early Friday on \$150,000 bail pending an appearance in Superior Court in Hartford.

The highway was closed for more than five hours after the crash.

State police continue to investigate the crash, and more charges are possible, police said.

Anyone who saw the crash or may have dashcam video of it is asked to call Trooper John Wilson at the Troop H barracks in Hartford at 860-534-1098.

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Band

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by David Yazbek (whose previous successful efforts at turning movies into stage shows include "The Full Monty," "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" and "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown").

One person who gave "The Band's Visit" its singular style and voice is West Hartford native Andrea Grody, the show's music

supervisor. Grody helped make sure that the music in a musical about musicians was fluid and natural. In fact, it emanates from a small onstage band hidden within part of the small-town set.

In addition to the onstage musicians, many of the cast members playing band members in "The Band's Visit" play their own musical instruments.

The national tour stars Janet Dacal as Dina the Israeli café owner who ends up hosting the

unexpected Egyptian stragglers. Dacal appeared this past summer in a virtual workshop of Cin Martinez's play "Moonlighters" at TheaterWorks Hartford and appeared in all the early incarnations of Lin-Manuel Miranda's "In the Heights," including when it was workshoped at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford.

The leader of the immaculately uniformed band, Tewfik, is played by Sasson Gabay, a leading actor at

the Beit Lessin Theatre company in Tel Aviv.

Also in the cast: Clay Singer, who appeared in recent Westport Country Playhouse productions of "Man of La Mancha" and "Romeo and Juliet," as the café worker Itzik, who gets to sing a stirring lullaby late in the show.

"The Band's Visit" won 10 Tony awards in 2017, against such strong contenders as the musical versions of "Mean Girls" and "Spongebob Squarepants," each

of which had received more nominations.

The national tour of "The Band's Visit" runs Nov. 16-21 at The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Performances are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 6:30 p.m. \$31-\$133. bushnell.org.

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store worker with a hypodermic needle, police said. She eventually left without the goods.

On Oct. 7 at the BJ's Wholesale Club on Spring Street in Southington, three males walked out of the store with multiple TVs and sound bars, and one thief pushed a store worker who approached the trio, police said. They sped away after loading the loot into a gold-colored Honda Odyssey that had been parked in front. Police say the suspects may be linked to thefts at other area BJ's stores.

At Market 32 in Oxford Tuesday morning, thieves stuffed shopping carts with laundry detergent, toiletries and other items valued at \$1,600, state police said. They loaded the items into two vehicles and took off. No one called 911 to report the incident, police said, giving the thieves about 10 minutes head start before someone called the resident trooper's routine phone line.

Laundry detergent is a favorite target of organized retail thieves, the National Retail Federation reported. Other top items include designer clothing and handbags, allergy medicine, razors, high-end liquor, pain relievers, infant formula and teeth whitening strips.

The top five cities for organized retail crime, in order, were Los Angeles, San Francisco/Oakland, Chicago, New York and Miami, the



A screengrab from video shows a suspect in a shoplifting incident in Oxford on Tuesday morning. COURTESY

trade association reported. Video of blatant thefts from California stores, in particular, have been widely circulated.

As retail businesses suffered huge losses, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a law in July that reestablished the crime of organized retail theft, which lawmakers first created in 2018 but allowed to lapse as of July 1. Prosecutors can seek to charge the crime as either a misdemeanor or a felony.

In Connecticut, a person commits organized retail theft when conspiring with at least one other person to

steal property valued at more than \$2,000 during a 180-day period. Violators are guilty of a class C felony if the take is \$10,000 or more and a class D felony if the benefit is less than \$10,000.

Gangs of professional boosters have been snatching racks of clothing and other items for years, but the National Retail Federation reports in its most recent survey of retailers that more lenient penalties and prosecution policies are fueling a rise in such crimes.

"Many states have increased the threshold of what constitutes

a felony, which has had the unintended consequence of allowing criminals to steal more without being afraid of stronger penalties related to felony charges," the trade association reported. "Nearly two-thirds of retailers report that they've seen an increase in the average ORC case value in these states."

Police in Connecticut say store security also has changed.

In the 1990s, the approach to shoplifters was much more confrontational — abbreviated as "tackle and detain," said Brian Foley, a 24-year veteran of Hartford's police

force and now an aide to state public safety commissioner James Rovella.

East Hartford police spokesman Josh Litwin said he could not speak about store policies, "but it is fair to say there have been fewer reports of physical confrontations between security personnel and suspected criminals over the years."

"It seems," Foley said, "as though those involved are completely aware of corporate policies and limitations of security staff at these stores, which prevent them from physically stopping anyone."

At the same time, however, "losing a life for half a van-full of Tide," he said, is not a good tradeoff.

A major driver in the retail theft increase across the nation is the ease of online sales of stolen goods, experts say. Ben Dugan, director of organized retail crime and corporate investigations at CVS Health, testified recently before the Senate judiciary committee that eBay, Amazon and other sites provide convenient marketplaces for hot items, Business Insider reported.

"The ease with which online sellers can open and close their sites, essentially undetected, is directly related to this increase in criminal activity in our stores," Dugan told legislators, adding that an estimated \$500 billion in illicit stolen and counterfeit goods are sold on third-party marketplaces each year.

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most challenging air quality in the country — 70% of the air pollution generated here in our state comes from internal combustion engine cars and trucks," Dykes said in an interview. "The same cars and trucks are generating 38% of the greenhouse gas emissions here in our state. ... We need to cut those greenhouse gas emissions by a third. ... We have a lot of ground to cover and not a moment to lose."

The federal money is designed for charging stations to be built within five miles of busy interstate highways, including Interstates 84, 95, 91, 395, and the Merritt Parkway, said Garrett Ecalitto, deputy commissioner at the state transportation department. The federal

money, for example, cannot be spent in rural towns in northern Litchfield County or eastern Connecticut that are not near any highways.

Barry Kresch of Westport, who has owned an electric vehicle since 2012, said he industry is making strides but is still a small percentage of the overall driving population.

"There's hope that we're starting to gain momentum, but we do have a long way to go," said Kresch, who serves as president of the EV Club of Connecticut.

Range anxiety has reduced,

Kresch said, as batteries have gotten better. About 10 years ago, an electric car could travel about 70 miles without needing a charge. Some batteries now can go 300 or 400 miles, he said.

While having more stations in Connecticut is important, drivers need an expansive network

for when they are traveling out of state. Using the same federal infrastructure package, Vermont intends to allocate \$21 million in a state that now has about 300 charging stations.

Connecticut has 464 locations, but many of them have more than one charger. A key point, officials said, is that much of the charging occurs at home, where the driver can plug into a 240-volt outlet with equipment that costs from \$500 to \$900. As a result, electric-car owners would not need to head to a charging station every time they are on the road.

The exact number of additional stations will depend on the type of facilities built in Connecticut. The lower-power, Level 2 stations can cost \$10,000 to \$30,000 but provide a slower charge. The more advanced, high-powered Level 3

stations can cost \$250,000 with utility improvements and provide a charge in 20 to 40 minutes, officials said. The Level 3 stations are more commonly seen along interstate highways instead of the Level 2 that might be seen outside a local town hall.

Although the industry is still in its infancy, electric cars are the wave of the future.

A leading company in the industry, Norwalk-based JuiceBar, assembles the charging stations at a factory in the Waterbury suburb of Oxford. With demand rising, the company has already tripled the number of employees and intends to hire about 100 additional engineers and other workers by the end of next year.

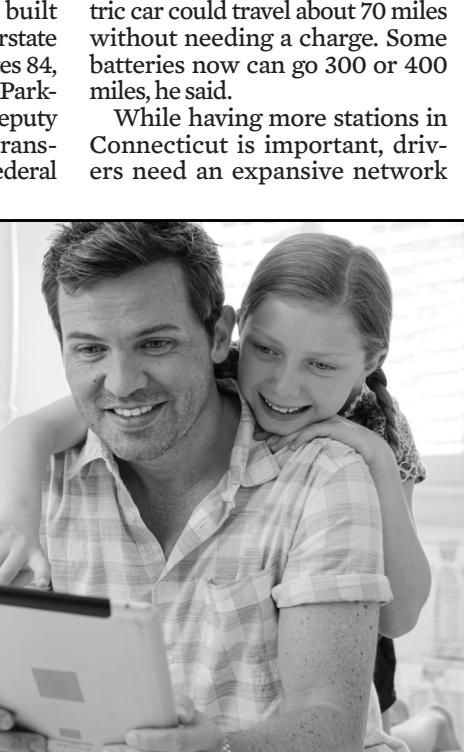
"JuiceBar is the only American made and assembled EV charging station manufacturer, and I'm

proud to recognize their leadership and the game-changing technology they're building in Connecticut," said U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy. "Their innovation is a perfect example of how we tackle the climate crisis while creating good-paying green jobs."

Paul Vosper, JuiceBar's chief executive officer, recently said the company was already preparing for the expansion.

"The number of charging stations around the country is expected to grow exponentially," he said. "JuiceBar is committed to continuing to create more jobs in advanced manufacturing and engineering and leading in innovative charging technology in the great state of Connecticut."

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Knox's urban farmer initiative gets a boost

USDA grant will help expand training program, with goal of more jobs and fresh food in schools

By Rebecca Lurye
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Knox, an organization that works to increase green space in the city, announced an expansion Friday to its urban farmer training program that will put more residents to work and put more fresh food in city schools.

The Knox Park Foundation received a \$365,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to build on the 3-year-old program by training an additional 45 city residents over three years and enhancing their learning opportunities.

The initiative will also put about 8 tons of food into Hartford Public Schools and farmers markets in the city, Executive Director Patrick Doyle told elected officials during a news conference Friday in the organization's greenhouse on Laurel Street. Knox also manages more than 20 community gardens throughout the city.

"The other thing that this grant is doing is allowing us to hold up the farmers that already work so

well, doing this work in the urban setting, which is very difficult," Doyle said.

Some graduates of the program will now serve as mentors. Emmanuel Marte, who owns a small agricultural business called Micro2Life, will teach labs on hydroponics and Derrick Bedward, who was the first farmer to offer his produce to Hartford schools, will show the new trainees techniques for getting the highest yield out of a small area.

The USDA grant comes through the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production, which was created in 2018 out of recognition that the vast majority of Americans, about 80%, live in or near urban centers, and 17% of Americans live in food deserts — low-income areas with no grocery store nearby.

Much of Hartford is considered a food desert because there are no supermarkets within a half-mile. Urban farmers seek to improve access to nutritious food and grow local businesses that benefit their



Gourds and peppers grown on-site are displayed inside the Knox greenhouse, where the organization held an event Friday to announce an expanded training program for urban farmers. REBECCA LURYE/HARTFORD COURANT

community.

"This is a matter of equity and this is a matter of sustainability," Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz said at Friday's news conference, where she was joined by Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Rep. John Larson, state Agriculture Commissioner Bryan Hurlbert and Hartford

Mayor Luke Bronin.

The USDA's urban agriculture office previously funded the development of New Haven's first master plan for urban agriculture. This year, the agency made up to \$4 million available to support projects like Hartford's.

Doyle says the Knox training

program will add education on the business, marketing and finance of farming and safe food handling practices, as well as opportunities for participants to use commercial kitchens.

Participants will gain experience at 75 Laurel St. and in community gardens throughout the city, most of which are located on vacant city properties that had become eyesores and magnets for litter and illicit activity before they were repurposed.

"Knox is a central part of our effort to build a greener, more environmentally responsible, cleaner, more beautiful city," Bronin said during Friday's event.

Blumenthal followed him, lifting up a small butternut squash from a display of gourds and peppers grown just outside the greenhouse.

"This is Hartford's future," Blumenthal said. "This is what recovering blighted properties, empty lots and lives (looks like), because people can take back their lives just like taking back their blighted lots."

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Police ID 2 suspects in Oxford shoplifting

Authorities credit outpouring of support following viral video

By Kaitlin McCallum
Hartford Courant

Oxford police have identified two suspects of the four people involved in an early morning shoplifting incident captured on video Tuesday that then went viral, according to police.

The suspects loaded up shopping carts inside Market 32 with goods including laundry detergent and toiletries, around 6:40 a.m., police said.

They then left the store without paying and tossed the goods into a pair of vehicles parked in the store's fire lane before speeding off.

Though one witness captured the incident on video and others watched the theft unfold, no one called police until 10 minutes later, well after the involved persons had fled.

"Had 911 been contacted in a timely manner, police personnel would have been able to attempt to intercept those involved," Sgt. John Acampora said.

Since the incident, however, the public has provided hundreds of tips to help identify the suspects and their vehicles, police said. Police in other agencies have also assisted with the investigation.

"We continue to be grateful for the support of our fellow law enforcement partners, as well as the public, who have been instrumental in calling in hundreds of tips to our office," Acampora wrote in a release Friday.

The tan minivan seen in the video was located and has been towed to Troop A in Southbury, police said. It will be processed once a search warrant has been approved.

Because the investigation is ongoing, police are not identifying the first two suspects. They expect to make arrests soon, Acampora said.

Anyone with information related to the incident is asked to call the Oxford Resident Trooper's office at 203-888-4353.



Sister Theresa Fonti, right, co-founder and co-director of House of Bread in Hartford, gives a tour of the new kitchen in 2018. COURANT FILE

'You may leave a little hungry'

At House of Bread's fundraising banquet, menu offers a taste of food insecurity

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

For the second year in a row, the House of Bread's annual fundraising "Hunger Banquet" will be modified in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Hartford ministry, which has provided food, education and shelter for vulnerable communities for over 40 years, will host a drive-thru-style event Nov. 17 to continue the tradition, entering its 36th year.

"We have always received great support, so we're ready to go with it again," said Sister Theresa Fonti, House of Bread's co-founder and co-director.

Fonti, together with Sister Maureen Faenza, founded House of Bread in 1980 to aid people experiencing homelessness and hunger in Hartford's North End neighborhood.

The organization has grown to offer housing and transitional living services, a GED program for adult women, and weekday meals through the 5,000-square-foot soup kitchen at its downtown location at 27 Chestnut St., among

several other programs.

When the Connecticut state of emergency order was enacted in March 2020, House of Bread moved fast to adapt.

They established a grab-and-go concept, where people in need come up to the door and take a prepackaged meal away with them.

"... That's the intent, to kind of give you the feel of what it's like to not have that full meal that you may have had for lunch."

— Tom Porell, House of Bread operations manager

When case counts waned in the summer, the House of Bread again allowed people inside provided they wore facial coverings.

"We haven't missed a beat feeding people," Fonti said. "We're very proud to say that we have a staff that was willing to do that, and we didn't shut down at all, that's our bottom line."

The continuation of food services was especially crucial

during the pandemic, which increased the number of people in need of assistance. As recently as September, officials said about 500,000 Connecticut residents continued to face food insecurity, defined as the lack of reliable access to affordable and nutritious food.

Meals this year will include minestrone soup, made by House of Bread chefs and Salute Restaurant, focaccia bread, an apple and a Dunkin' Donuts donut. Contributors will also receive a House of Bread mug.

The menu, though hearty, is by no means lavish. House of Bread organizers say that's the point.

"The goal is to give them a meal that would be similar to somebody if they were food insecure," Porell said.

"You're getting a nice meal, but you may leave a little but hungry," he continued. "But that's the intent, to kind of give you the feel of what it's like to not have that full meal that you may have had for lunch."

The drive-thru banquet will be held Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot across from St. Patrick's St. Anthony's Church at 285 Church St., Hartford. The cost is \$30 per person. Drive-ups are welcome, but guests are asked to RSVP at info@hobread.org.

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Man allegedly left friend dying in apartment for hours

**By Seamus McAvoy
and Christine Dempsey**
Hartford Courant

A man who police said hit his friend and left him lying on the floor of his New London apartment for hours as he died in June has been charged with second-degree manslaughter.

Zachary Perkins, 33, of Norwich also was charged Tuesday with cruelty to persons and third-degree assault. He was in custody at the Corrigan Correctional Center on Friday on \$200,000 bail, prison records show.

Police said Perkins is responsible for the death of Brad Bucacci, 38. Medical examiners determined that Bucacci died of a blunt injury to the neck with epidural hemorrhage — which happens

when blood pools between the skull and the membrane that covers the brain.

According to the arrest warrant affidavit, Perkins told police he was upset with Bucacci on June 8, the day of his death, because Bucacci owed him \$30. The two were drinking and doing heroin together.

Perkins said he punched him hard in his living room about 11 a.m. with a closed fist on the temple, the warrant said. Bucacci fell backward and didn't get up.

His friend made "groaning/grunting type noises," Perkins told police, and "next thing I know he was just dead" and "I'm calling the police," according to the warrant.

But he didn't call 911 until 9:02 p.m., the warrant said, and neighbors reported hearing the noises

hours earlier that sounded like someone was in distress.

One neighbor said he heard the noises after he got home from work, and about a half-hour later, Perkins came to his apartment upstairs and said "this [expletive] guy down there is having night terrors." Perkins left, returned about 40 minutes later and said his visitor wasn't breathing. The neighbors told him about four times to call 911, the warrant said, but Perkins kept pacing back and forth before he finally made the call on one of the neighbor's phones.

When first responders arrived at the scene — which was littered with drug paraphernalia — it was clear that Bucacci had been there awhile, the warrant said.

Dr. James R. Gill, the chief

medical examiner, told police Bucacci appeared to have died a few hours before police arrived at the apartment.

Some people contradicted aspects of Perkins' story. One of the people investigators interviewed was Bucacci's mother, who said her son had not suffered from night terrors.

Perkins, who had been drinking vodka before his first interview with police, changed his story drastically in a later interview, saying he didn't punch Bucacci, the warrant said.

Rather, Perkins said, Bucacci had been stumbling around his apartment and fell, according to the warrant.

"He said he slapped the victim on the side of his head to wake him up," the warrant said.

BRIDGEPORT

Police: Cop resigns after theft arrest

A Bridgeport officer has resigned after he was arrested on a theft charge, police said Friday.

Christopher Martin, a 21-year veteran, resigned as the department was preparing his suspension paperwork, police said. He was charged Thursday with second-degree larceny and tampering with evidence, they said.

Police said only that Martin is accused of stealing money and did not elaborate.

In a written statement, acting Police Chief Rebeca Garcia said, "The Bridgeport Police Department took immediate action by arresting him upon becoming aware of his actions."

— Christine Dempsey

LIVING**CELEBRITIES****Swift releases 'Red (Taylor's Version)'**

From news services

Taylor Swift fans are seeing (and hearing) her version of "Red" now that she's released the long-awaited, rerecorded hit album.

Following the arrival of "Fearless (Taylor's Version)" last spring, "Red (Taylor's Version)" makes good on the Grammy winner's 2019 pledge to take back ownership of the six-album catalog she lost when Scooter Braun purchased — and subsequently sold — her previous record label, Big Machine.

Swift released "Red (Taylor's Version)" Friday and accompanied it with a short film for "All Too Well," which she wrote and directed. The film, which was set to debut later Friday, stars Swift, Sadie Sink and Dylan O'Brien.

"It never would have been possible to go back & remake my previous work, uncovering lost art & forgotten gems along the way if you hadn't emboldened me," Swift tweeted to her fans upon the release. "Red is about to be mine again, but it has always been ours. Now we begin again."

Snoopy going to space: A new rocket designed to launch humans to the moon, Mars and beyond will launch next year from Kennedy Space Center in Florida. On board, will be a familiar fuzzy figure — Snoopy.

The plush toy version — wearing a space suit designed according to NASA's strict specifications — has an important job for the Artemis I unmanned mission.

NASA uses stuffed animals on flights because when the little guys start to float, it indicates that the spacecraft has entered space's zero gravity. Since the toys are soft and light,



Taylor Swift attends the "All Too Well" New York premiere Friday in New York City. **DIMITRIOS KAMBOURIS/GETTY**

they won't break anything or accidentally strike a button.

The Artemis I mission is scheduled to circle the moon and then return to Earth in February.

Douglas, 'Young and the Restless' star, dies: Jerry Douglas, who played handsome family patriarch John Abbott on "The Young and the Restless" for over 30 years, has died.

Douglas died Tuesday after a brief illness, just three days before his 89th birthday, according to a family spokesman.

His hundreds of credits include the films "JFK" and "Mommie Dearest" and the TV series "Melrose Place" and "Barnaby Jones."

Stallone opens up about near-death experience:

Sylvester Stallone didn't only meet his match in "Rocky IV," he almost lost his life.

Dolph Lundgren, who

played nemesis Ivan Drago in the hit 1985 film, went off script and nearly beat the franchise star to death.

"I got really injured during the fight," the 75-year-old action star revealed. "I had to be flown into intensive care to California from Canada."

Stallone didn't know how badly his body was damaged until after the cameras stopped rolling. Stallone relishes the fact that the near-fatal punch didn't end up on the cutting room floor. "How could you take that out?" he quipped.

Nov. 13 birthdays: Singer John Hammond is 79. Actor Sheila Frazier is 73. Actor Chris Noth is 67. Actor Whoopi Goldberg is 66. Actor Neil Flynn is 61. Comedian Jimmy Kimmel is 54. Actor Steve Zahn is 54. Actor Gerard Butler is 52. Actor Aisha Hinds is 46. Actor Monique Coleman is 41. Actor Devon Bostick is 30.

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**ASK AMY****By Amy Dickinson**

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Estranged sister messes with mom's holiday

Dear Amy: I am a widow with three adult daughters, all of whom live close by.

My two oldest girls stopped speaking to each other shortly after my husband died eight years ago.

There was no big falling out — just a slow simmering of resentments.

My youngest daughter and I spent years imploring them to work things out, to no avail. It's an upsetting situation, but we realized that this is not something that we can fix.

After the older girls stopped speaking, my oldest daughter declined to come to any family event that her sister was attending.

Consequently, she has not shared a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner with all of us in years.

I have continued hosting these events as usual, stressing that everyone is invited. Nonetheless, my oldest has opted to visit me on Christmas morning rather than share a meal with her sister and she spends Thanksgiving with me only on the rare year when my middle daughter is not in town.

Here is my problem: Two weeks ago, my oldest daughter told me that she doesn't think it's fair that her sister gets Christmas dinner, and she only sees me in the morning. She is insisting that I swap them this year.

This puts me in a terrible position. I don't know how I'm supposed to tell my middle daughter and my grandchildren that they are disinherited for the latter part of Christmas.

My youngest daughter tells me that this is an unreasonable request, that

this is not my problem, and I should continue to stress that I will host as I have always done with everyone included. Still, I feel like whatever I do, I'm the bad guy. How should I handle this?

— *Frustrated*

Dear Frustrated: You should not give in to your oldest daughter's demand. If you do give in, then next year she might decide that she wants to "have you all to herself" on Christmas.

You don't say specifically, but your middle daughter does not seem to be placing these specific demands upon you. If her older sister showed up for a holiday meal, I assume that she and the kids would find a way to handle it.

You are not the "bad guy." You are the mom, and you should do the mom thing: "I don't play favorites. I'm hosting Christmas dinner, as usual, and I would love for you to come!"

You might add that a great Christmas gift for you would be for these two sisters to reconcile, at least to the point where they can be peacefully and respectfully in each other's presence during holiday meals.

Dear Amy: I try to be a good friend. I've been told by many of my friends that I'm a good listener. I'm supportive and helpful.

I'm happy to do this for my friends, as it's how I would want to be treated.

I'm fortunate that many of my friends reciprocate.

However, two of my closest friends have gotten very absorbed in their own concerns, which are admittedly serious problems.

That being said, every

time I see them or communicate with them they unload all of their problems on me, sometimes going into great detail over every little thing that's going wrong — for hours.

How can I kindly let them know that occasionally I would like to be asked how I'm doing, or maybe just have a conversation on the lighter side?

I'm happy to help and I'm happy to listen, but I'm not their therapist.

— *Out of Balance*

Dear Out: The way to say things kindly is to say things kindly, and to do so deliberately and thoughtfully before you lose it and say things you cannot take back.

Try this: "I hope you feel supported and listened to. I genuinely care! But I also have worries, concerns, and also joys I'd like to discuss. Can you make some space for me? It would mean a lot."

Dear Amy: "Upset Neighbor" was upset because he wasn't notified of a neighbor's death. I'm glad you pointed out all of the challenges to surviving family members when a parent passes away.

After my own mom's death, a former neighbor of hers berated me for not calling her to let her know.

Not helpful.

— *Grieving*

Dear Grieving: It is extremely hard to take on someone else's disappointment when you are reeling.

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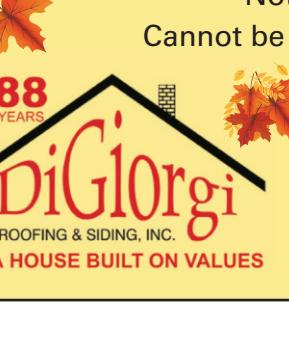
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Aries (March 21-April 19):

Current conditions could make your foundations feel rather shaky. A financial deal may disappoint you by falling through at the last minute. Keep your feelers out for other opportunities! A new job opportunity or side hustle may provide the income you want.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Erratic behavior may cause problems in a close relationship. It isn't fair to send mixed signals, even if you don't mean to. Be more mindful about your words and deeds. Consider finding a healthier outlet for any frustrations, like taking brisk walks or working on creative projects.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

After being incredibly patient, you could be passed up for a job or other opportunity today. You rarely get angry, but this may be an exception to the rule. Instead of exploding, try to take any setbacks with a grain of salt and find a productive outlet for your frustrations.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

You might find that a lifelong dream of yours suddenly no longer holds your interest. This realization could be stressful. Be gentle and patient with yourself while figuring out your new needs and pursuing different goals. Certain friends may fall by the wayside.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22):

You need to look within for the happiness you seek. Cultivating contentment might become easier if you focus on things that spark joy. Gravitate toward people who make you feel good. Changing your mindset can improve your circumstances faster than you think!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Your vitality could feel compromised at the moment, but the cause of it might not be obvious at first glance. Ask yourself if you need to release some resentment. Of course, you should always get medical treatment for physical problems, but attending to your emotional fitness is equally important.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Make an effort to be supportive of a loved one if they're experiencing success. The universe is endlessly bountiful. Someone else having a stroke of luck doesn't mean that you'll be deprived of one! Make it your mission to celebrate happy events when they don't affect you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

You feel torn in two today. Professional demands could be wreaking havoc with your personal life, and it may be time to decide whether you prefer a high-pressure job or a happy home. There's nothing wrong with wanting either, but it's important to be honest with yourself.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

Be careful what you wish for — you might get it! Someone with your powers of manifestation shouldn't play it safe when picturing your goals. Imagine yourself in your dream career. The excitement these aspirations generate can help you have the energy to achieve them.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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On Nov. 13, 1775: during the American Revolution, the Continental Army captured Montreal.

In 1940: the Walt Disney film "Fantasia" had its world premiere.

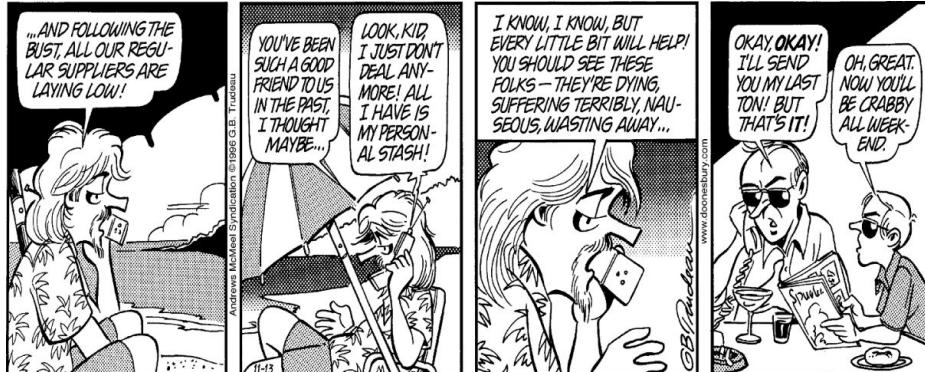
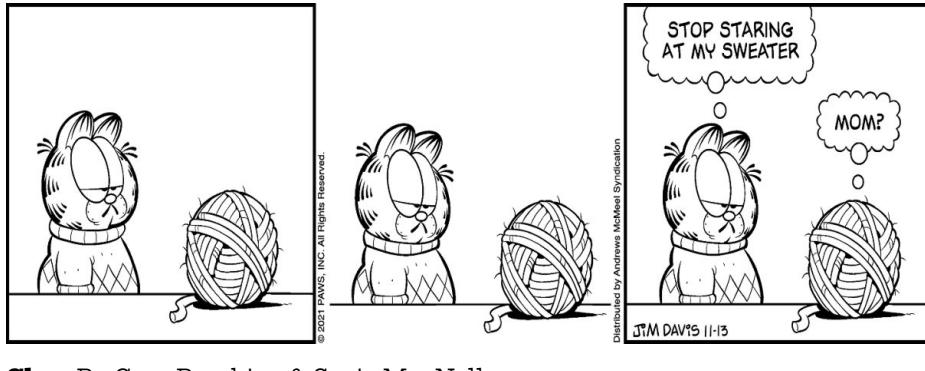
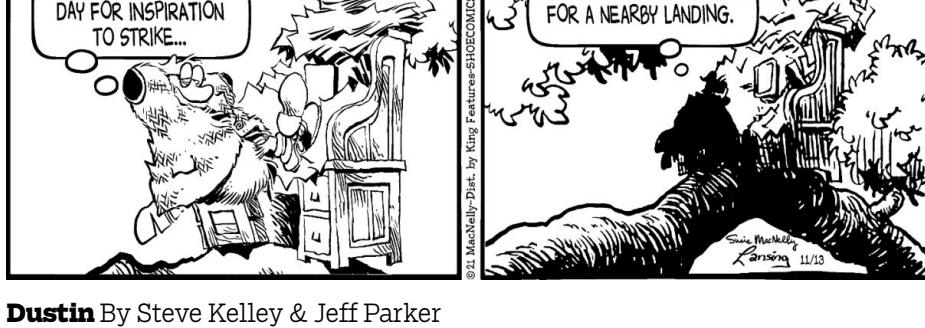
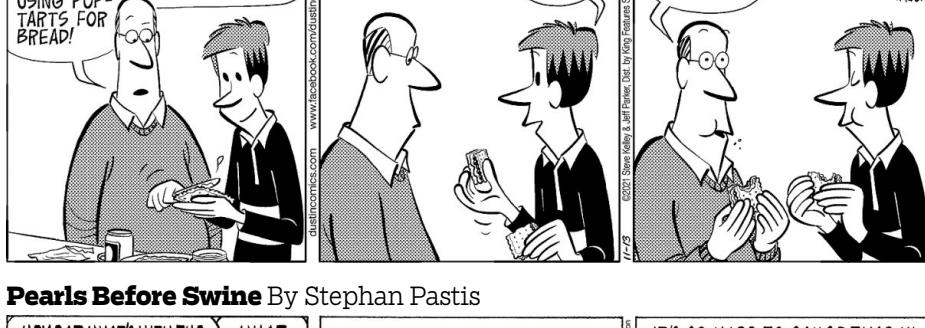
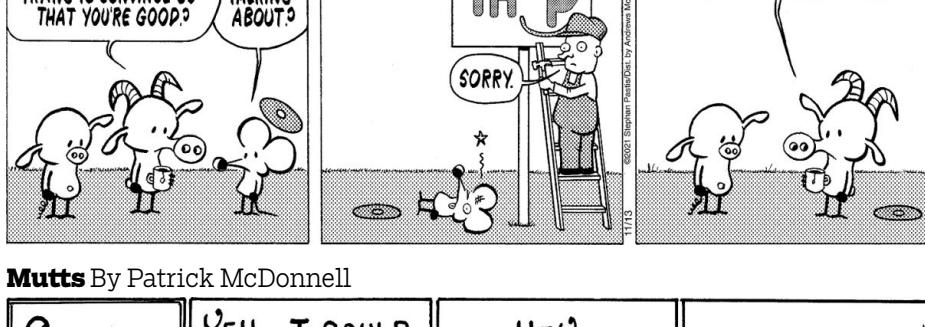
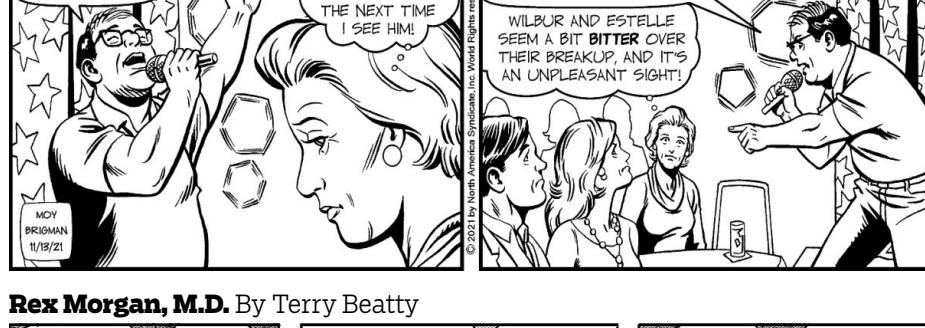
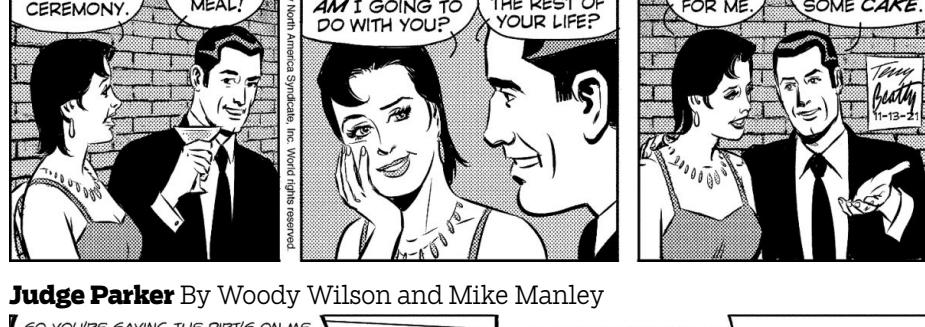
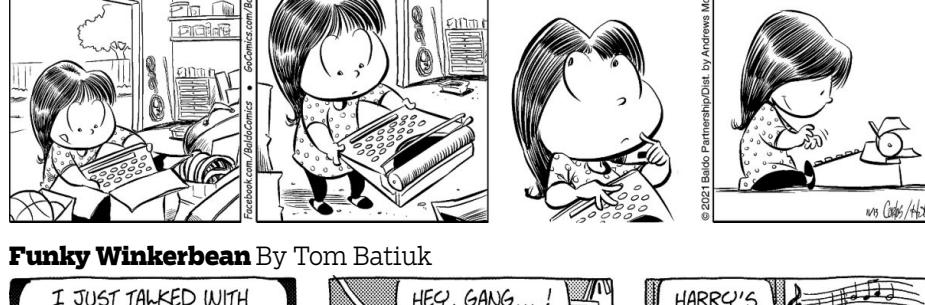
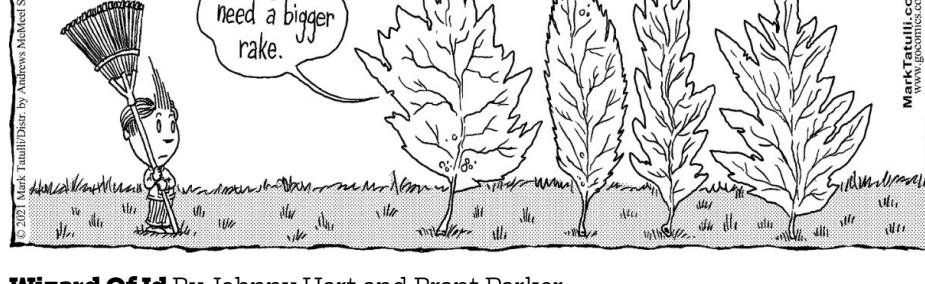
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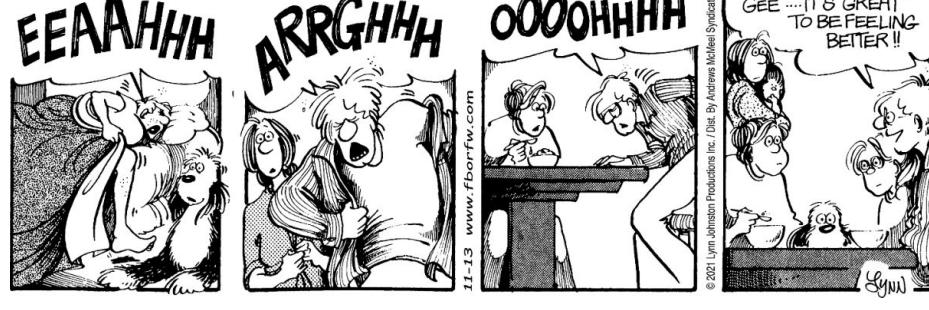
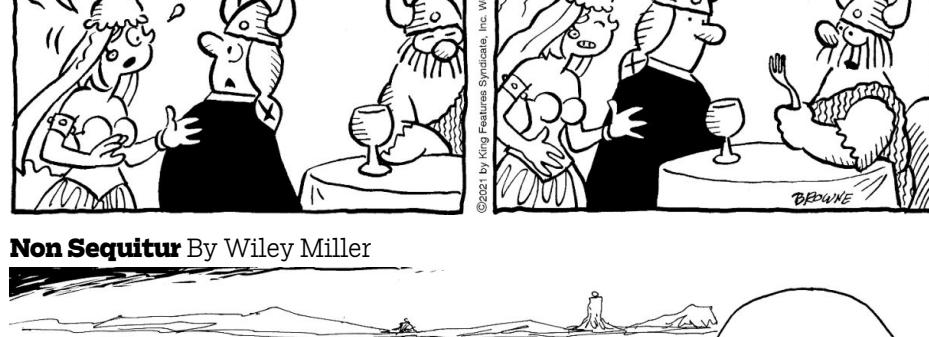
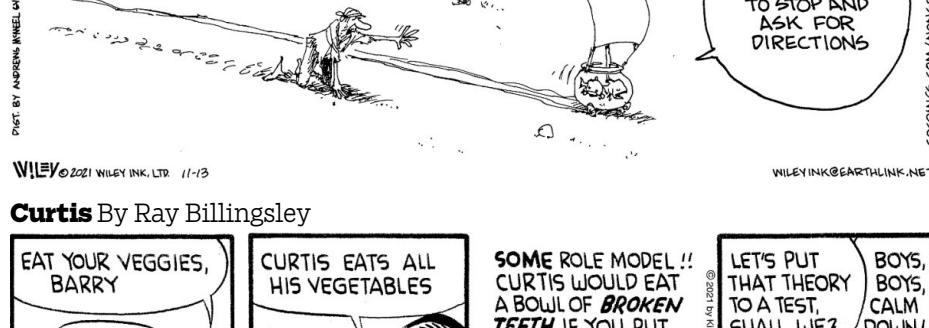
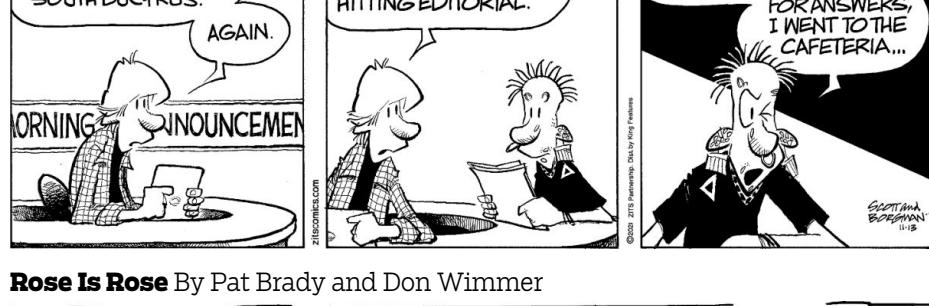
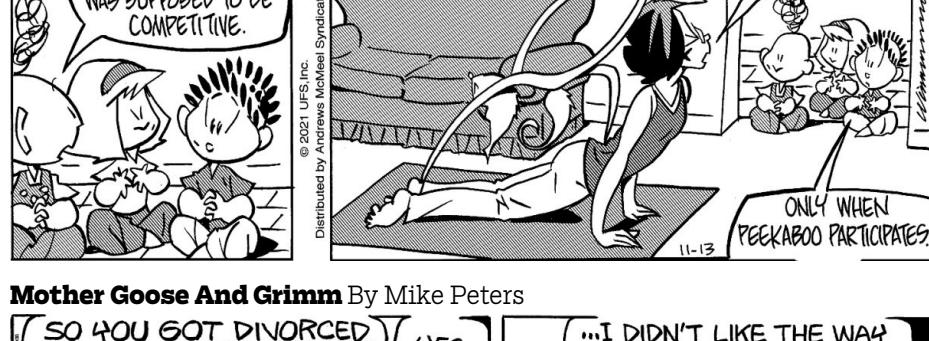
In 1956: the Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public buses.

In 1985: some 23,000 residents of Armero, Colombia, died when a volcanic mudslide buried the city.

In 2019: the House Intelligence Committee opened two weeks of public impeachment hearings about efforts by President Donald Trump and others to pressure Ukraine to investigate Trump's political rivals.

In 2020: Peter Sutcliffe, the British serial killer known as the "Yorkshire Ripper," died at 74; he was serving a life sentence.

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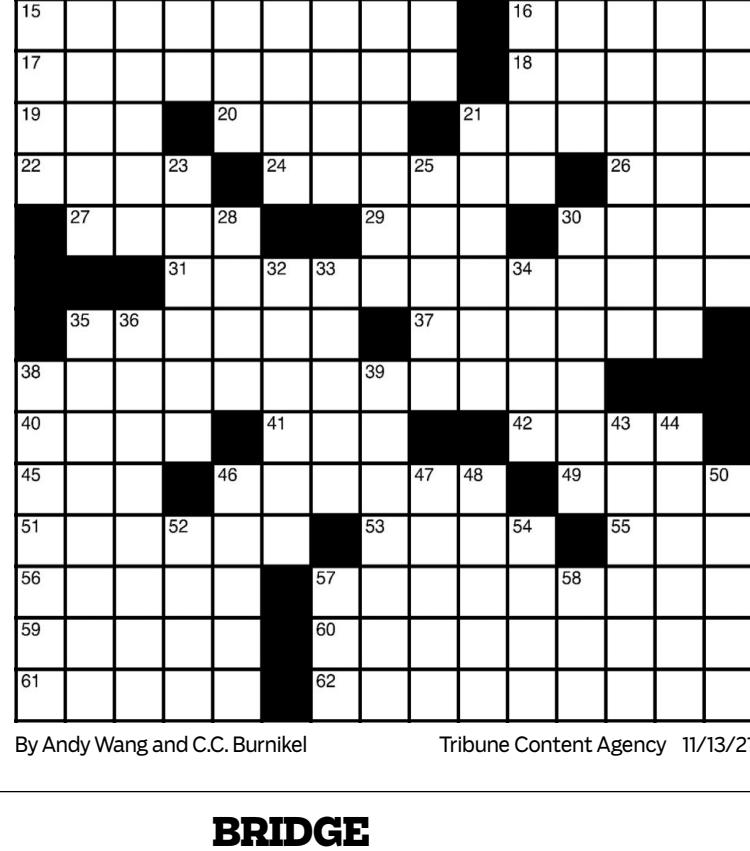
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Opening lead — king of clubs.

The safety factor

One of the first things you learn when you start playing bridge is how to finesse. But, oddly enough, one of the last things you learn is how not to finesse. This is primarily because the many types of plays that might offer a greater chance of success than the finesse are often difficult to spot, while the finesse itself is a relatively simple procedure.

One play in the large family of alternatives to a finesse is the "loser on loser" play. Today's deal illustrates how a finesse that has only a 50-50 chance of succeeding can be circumvented by substituting a play that leaves nothing to chance.

As play begins, declarer's only concern in six spades is two potential heart losers. The obvious way to try to avoid two losers in the suit is to lead a heart to the queen at some point, hoping East has the king.

But it would not be wise to rely solely on the finesse — which is mostly a matter of

luck — without first seeking a way to avoid it.

West's opening lead marks him with the queen of clubs, a critical piece of information that can ultimately be used against him. Declarer starts by winning the first trick with dummy's ace and ruffing a club. This is the first step in an almost sure-fire plan to avoid the heart finesse.

After cashing the A-K of trump, South ruffs the eight of clubs, plays the K-A of diamonds and ruffs a diamond. With the diamonds having been eliminated from both hands, the stage is now set for the killing blow.

Declarer leads the club jack from dummy, but instead of ruffing it, he discards the four of hearts. West wins with the queen but is helpless. He must either lead a heart into South's A-Q or return a club, allowing South to discard the queen of hearts as he ruffs in dummy, and the slam is home.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

IMCCO

OLAKA

DAHIRS

NIUMEM

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THE WEATHERMAN PREDICTED WET WEATHER AND WAS WRONG, SO HE GAVE VIEWERS A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

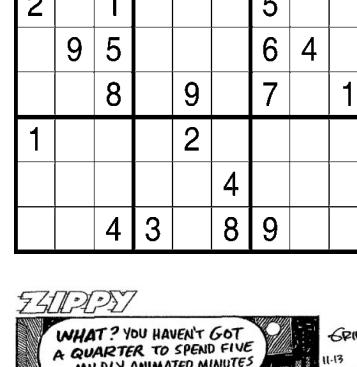
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Answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TULIP ABATE COUPON DISOWNER

Answer: Early navigators benefited from good equipment. The compass is — A CASE IN POINT

TODAY'S SUDOKU**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**Complete the grid so each row, column and 3x3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

POMP ALFAS CAME

PURR BARRE OPAL

ORIOLEVIEW NECK

TOT ASSOC

REPELL GROUSE FED

EXAMINE PARLAY

SIR TONED TASE

TANAGER IN LOVE

ERSE SATIE OOH

MOORED TANTRUM

OWL FRESCO GISTS

BENCH ATT

PAPA THRUSHOLD

OVAL AWINK EWER

DELL LASSES SEXY



Bill Griffith

COULD YOU AT LEAST REMOVE THIS BOLT BETWEEN MY EARS?

I'M SORRY, BUT AS A CHILD, I WAS ALWAYS FRIGHTENED BY

DONALD DUCK & HIS COUSIN, SO I SEEM TO BE

KEPT MY DISTANCE SINCE ANYTHING I SAID OR DID MIGHT SEND HIM OFF ON A PSYCHOTIC, RAGE-FILLED TANTRUM.

Motoring Inside**Hartford Courant****SPORTS****COURANT.COM/SPORTS****UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL****Akok feeling like old self — and fans love it****By Dom Amore**

Hartford Courant

STORRS — Six minutes and 51 seconds into the season, Dan Hurley gave the 10,000 UConn fans what they wanted. Akok Akok checked into the game and, even on a night primed for enthusiasm, the Gampel Pavilion crowd went crazier than it had yet, especially the student section.

"I hadn't played in front of crowd since Feb. 16, 2020," said Akok, referencing the day he tore his Achilles

Today's game**Coppin State at UConn**

Noon, FS2

at the XL Center. "To come into the game with that huge applause from the student section, it was pretty remarkable. I wasn't really locked into it, I just ran straight to the free throw line to try to get the rebound, but I heard it a little bit. I was pretty overwhelmed."

There was more to cheer. Akok played 17 minutes, getting eight

points, seven rebounds, two steals and three blocks, the most he's played and the most productive he's been since his injury.

"I've been 100 percent since June of this year," he said. "Getting better every single day. Coaches all see it every day. They say I'm the same player; that I'm back, and I think so, too. ... I had to take my time with it, trust the process, know that my time was eventually coming. My time is now. I'm happy now."

Akok and the Huskies, who beat Central Connecticut 99-48 on Tues-

day, will face Coppin State in the second game of the season Saturday at noon at the XL Center. It's Akok's first game on that floor since he went down awkwardly against Memphis when many knew immediately he was badly injured.

"I think he's there," Hurley said. "I think it's a mental thing and it's an adjustment thing. He's made some adjustments as a player. Last game we were trying to get him around the basket more where he could

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Inside

■ UConn freshman guard Corey Floyd Jr. (below) to redshirt this season. **Page 4**

■ College hoops schedule. **Page 3**

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL****UConn-bound Rosa scores 4 TDs, Bristol Central routs Plainville, 46-0****By Lori Riley**

Hartford Courant

PLAINVILLE — Victor Rosa scored on the ground and in the air Friday night, and the Bristol Central defense had its second shutout of the season in a 46-0 win over Plainville in a CCC Tier 3 football game.

Rosa, the senior quarterback who is headed to UConn next year, had four touchdowns and 226 rushing yards for the Rams (8-1). Rosa has over 2,000 yards on the ground with 31 rushing touchdowns this season.

Rosa was unstoppable in the first half, spinning and juking his way to three touchdowns and 192 yards on 20 carries. In the second half he had a 32-yard touchdown pass to Ashton Zabka to give the Rams a 34-0 lead.

"It's not a secret, he's the guy on the ground and teams want to load the box up," Bristol Central coach Jeff Papazian said. "We're going to have to make them pay throwing the ball, and the more we're able to do that here and there, it makes a world of difference for us offensively."

The Rams had only one other shutout this season, a 21-0 win over South Windsor in the second game. Bristol Central's defense put pressure on Plainville early and didn't let up.

"They played great," Papazian said of his defense. "We've been kind of outscoring teams back and forth. They got the early turnovers, and we were able to capitalize on offense and we were able to roll from there. I think we took them a little out of their comfort zone offensively."

"When our defense can hold teams at bay, I'll take our chances with our offense."

Bristol Central controlled the game through the first quarter with Plainville (6-3) getting the ball for one play before there was a fumble recovered by Bristol Central's Malachi Jones.

The Rams scored on a 12-play drive to open the game. Rosa had a 14-yard touchdown run called back because of a holding penalty on Bristol Central but two plays later, he ran it in from four yards for the Rams' first score of the game. The two-point conversion failed and Bristol Central led 6-0 with 5:18 left in the quarter.

After the Rams recovered the fumble, they marched down the field again. Nine plays and 52 yards later, they scored, this time on a Rosa 4-yard run. Rosa ran in the

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UCONN FOOTBALL AT CLEMSON

Jim Mora (below) gets his first look at his new team as UConn head coach in waiting on Saturday at Clemson in front of more fans in the 81,500-seat Memorial Stadium, better known as "Death Valley." He will serve as a "hands off" assistant until Nov. 28, when he officially takes over. **GRANT HALVERSON/GETTY**

ONE DAY IN THE VALLEY

New coach Jim Mora gets first live look at UConn as the struggling Huskies take on ACC stalwart Clemson

By Dom Amore

Hartford Courant

UConn's football game at Clemson gets a little more interesting, with the addition of one face in the large crowd at Memorial Stadium on Saturday. Incoming Huskies head coach Jim Mora, en route from his home in Idaho, will be there for his first live look at the team he'll officially take over on Nov. 29.

The Huskies (1-8) retake the field after nearly three weeks since their last game, a one-sided loss to Middle Tennessee State. This game was agreed upon in 2017 before UConn went independent, with Clemson paying UConn \$1.2 million, the largest single-game guarantee in UConn history.

"At one of our team meetings, I said, 'You have an opportunity to play against one of the premier universities in the country, raise your hands, who'd sign up for this?'" said UConn interim head coach Lou Spanos. "And, you know, the whole team [did]. Just embrace it and enjoy it, this is what college football is all about: Memories."

Although the Huskies have only scored one victory since Spanos took over for Randy Edsall after two games, they have continued to play hard. As 30-point underdogs against Wyoming and 14-point underdogs against Vanderbilt, they have nearly pulled off upsets.

Though Clemson (6-3) is not having a vintage season, the Tigers are a level above those teams and a perennial FBS contender.



THEARON W. HENDERSON/GETTY

"Sometimes stats don't show, but on offense they do a great job of moving the sticks, running the ball," Spanos said. "They've got playmakers at all different levels. On defense, year in and year out, they are attacking, aggressive. They make a lot of plays behind the line of scrimmage. We have a challenge."

Lineman Lwal Uguak is one of the leaders of a UConn defense that has been battered, but not completely broken. This week, he'll be looking across the line at his cousin, Clemson wide receiver Ajou Ajou. The two Canadians played briefly together in the Edmonton, Alberta area where they grew up.

"We've been talking back and fourth," said Uguak, who has been in on 31 tackles, four for a loss, this season. "I've been looking forward to this game. It's a big game for all us to go out there and show that we can hang with these dudes. I'm just excited to go out there and play."

With Mora's hiring, there is more at stake for individual players and coaches. Spanos and offensive analyst Noel Mazzone coached under Mora at UCLA and could be considered for positions in the incoming administration. While UConn is in better position to keep players from transferring, those who want to stay will be looking to impress the new coach. Mora will be in a hands-off role, evaluating until the end of the season.

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**Today's game****UConn (1-8) at Clemson (6-3), noon, Memorial Stadium, Clemson, S.C., ACC Network****UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL****Familiar faces**

Auriemma on signees Patterson, Brady: 'They're the kind of kids that we're used to having here'

By Alexa Philippou

Hartford Courant

After strong recruiting classes each of the last two years, UConn women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma was "awfully excited" to welcome to the program two more Huskies this week when class of 2022 prospects Ayanna Patterson and Ice Brady signed their letters of intent Wednesday, the first day of the early signing period.

"We're getting two great kids, two great individuals," he said Friday ahead of the Huskies' season opener versus Arkansas at 1 p.m. Sunday. "If you ever listened to both of them in interviews, they say the right things. It comes from the heart. They're the kind of kids that we're used to having here at Connecticut."

The two-person class is Auriemma's smallest since he brought in current junior Aubrey Griffin and Anna Makurat (who has since gone pro in Poland) in 2019, though he's said he typically prefers classes that aren't as large as the previous two (five in 2020, four in 2021). This year's duo was ranked the No. 4 class in the country behind three Pac-12 schools by espnW.

Neither player's recruiting process was exactly normal. Brady, a 6-foot-3 post from San Diego and the No. 5 prospect of her class, committed to UConn the fall of her sophomore year. Due to recruiting restrictions amid the pandemic, Patterson — a 6-2 wing, ranked No. 4 overall — wasn't able to visit Storrs until last month. But the Fort Wayne, Indiana, native was confident enough in her decision to commit regardless in March after seeing UConn dismantle Butler at the historic Hinkle Fieldhouse in her home state.

How they navigated their decisions made Auriemma respect both players even more.

"I really admire both of those kids," he said. "Ice committed as a sophomore because this is what she always wanted to do, and I'm glad she got the opportunity to do that."

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Up next**Arkansas at UConn, 1 p.m.**

Sunday, SNY

**Safety Tip of the Day**

The National Fire Protection Association advises against using turkey fryers, since they are a massive fire hazard.

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SPORTS**UP NEXT****UConn football:** Clemson, Saturday, noon**Patriots:** Browns, Sunday, 1 p.m.**Giants:** Bye; at Buccaneers, Nov. 22, 8:15 p.m.**Jets:** Bills, Sunday, 1 p.m.**UConn MBB:** Coppin State (XL Center), Saturday, noon;

LIU (Gampel), Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Binghamton (XL Center), Nov. 20, noon

UConn WBB: Arkansas (XL Center), Sunday, 1 p.m.; vs.

Minnesota (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 20, noon; vs.

TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 21, time TBA

Celtics: at Cavaliers, Saturday, 8 p.m.; at Cavaliers,

Monday, 7 p.m.; at Hawks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Knicks: Pacers, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Magic, Wednesday,

7:30 p.m.; Rockets, Nov. 20, 5 p.m.

Nets: at Thunder, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Warriors, Tuesday,

7:30 p.m.; Cavaliers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

UConn hockey: at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at UMass

Lowell, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.; UMass Lowell, Nov. 21, 3:30 p.m.

Bruins: at Devils, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Canadiens, Sunday,

7 p.m.; at Flyers, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

Rangers: at Blue Jackets, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Devils, Sunday,

7 p.m.; Canadiens, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Wolf Pack: at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Bridgeport,

Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Friday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO**AUTO RACING**

12 p.m.: IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship

Motul Petit Le Mans. (Live) NBC

3 p.m.: IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship Motul

Petit Le Mans. (Live) NBCSP

BASKETBALL

12 p.m.: College: Coppin State at UConn. (Live), FS2

5 p.m.: Heat at Jazz. (Live) NBA

8 p.m.: Celtics at Cavaliers. (Live), NBCSB

10:30 p.m.: Texas at Gonzaga. (Live) ESPN2

BOXING

9 p.m.: David Benavidez vs. Kyron Davis. (Live) SHO

FOOTBALL

12 p.m.: Michigan at Penn State. (Live) ABC

12 p.m.: UConn at Clemson. (Live) ACC

12 p.m.: New Mexico State at Alabama. (Live) SEC

12 p.m.: Mississippi State at Auburn. (Live) ESPN

12 p.m.: Northwestern at Wisconsin. (Live) ESPN2

12 p.m.: UCF at SMU. (Live) ESPNU

12 p.m.: West Virginia at Kansas State. (Live) FS1

3:30 p.m.: Purdue at Ohio State. (Live) ABC

3:30 p.m.: Georgia at Tennessee. (Live) CBS

3:30 p.m.: Duke at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC

3:30 p.m.: Miami at Florida State. (Live) ESPN

3:30 p.m.: Iowa State at Texas Tech. (Live) ESPN2

3:30 p.m.: USC at California. (Live) FS1

7 p.m.: Texas A&M at Ole Miss. (Live) ESPN

7 p.m.: Kentucky at Vanderbilt. (Live) ESPN2

7 p.m.: Arizona State at Washington. (Live) FS1

7:30 p.m.: Arkansas at LSU. (Live) SEC

10:30 p.m.: Nevada at San Diego State. (Live) CBSSN

10:30 p.m.: Washington State at Oregon. (Live) ESPN

10:30 p.m.: Utah State at San Jose State. (Live) FS1

GOLF

1 p.m.: Houston Open, Third Round. (Live) GOLF

4 p.m.: Charles Schwab Cup Championship, Third Round.

(Live) GOLF

HOCKEY

1 p.m.: Bruins at Devils. (Live), NESN

7 p.m.: Rangers at Blue Jackets. (Live), MSG

7 p.m.: Hartford Wolf Pack at Providence Bruins. (Live),

Radio: 1410.

7 p.m.: Canadiens at Red Wings. (Live) SPRTNET

7 p.m.: Kings at Jets. (Live) NHL

10 p.m.: Canucks at Golden Knights. (Live) SPRTNET

SKATING

4 p.m.: Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix: Italy. (Taped) NBC

SOCcer

8:30 a.m.: FA Womens Super League Tottenham Hotspur

at Arsenal. (Live) SPRTNET NBCSP

TENNIS

10:30 p.m.: World Team Tennis. (Live) NBCSP

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**CCSU back in NCAA tournament for the 4th straight season****By Lori Riley**

Hartford Courant

The Central Connecticut women's soccer team is headed to the NCAA women's soccer tournament for the second time this year.

CCSU (13-5) beat Fairleigh Dickinson 3-0 on Sunday to win the Northeast Conference tournament title for the fourth straight year — and 12th conference title overall — to earn its fourth straight NCAA berth.

The Blue Devils will play a first-round tournament game at Big East champion Georgetown (13-1-6) on Saturday at noon.

This April, the Blue Devils qualified for the NCAA tournament after the 2020 fall season was moved to the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. CCSU went undefeated (7-0) in the shortened regular season, then lost to South Florida in the first round.

"We built up some momentum [in the spring] and were able to carry it into the fall," CCSU coach Mick D'Arcy said. "The opportunity to play in the spring was very beneficial."

"I think the culture on the team is expecting to win and doing all the things you need to do to put yourself in a position to win."

"They're a good side," D'Arcy said. "We played them four years ago in the first round down there. At least our seniors have had that experience before. They move the ball around well, play good possession soccer."

returned junior midfielder Rona McLaughlin, who leads the team in scoring with 21 points (nine goals, three assists) and last season's conference rookie of the year Kelly Brady (three goals, five assists).

They were a little shell-shocked when their home win streak of 35 was snapped by Oregon State, 2-0, on Sept. 5. It was the Blue Devils' first home loss in four years.

"We felt real good at home and to have that streak kind of taken away set us back a little bit," D'Arcy said. "Once we got into conference play, we had two losses in the conference, which kind of grounded us, brought us down to earth a little bit."

"You got to be prepared, we're getting everybody's A-game. When we lost the games, both teams, you could tell what it meant to them, celebrating on the field and so forth. It was good for our women to see that. Teams are always going to be up to play us because any chance you get against the defending champion is going to bring out the best in everybody."

The Blue Devils last faced Georgetown in a first-round NCAA tournament game in 2018, losing 3-1.

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Hornets center Mason Plumlee shields the ball from Knicks center Mitchell Robinson during the first half Friday in Charlotte, N.C. JACOB KUPFERMAN/AP

HORNETS 104, KNICKS 96**Starters ineffective once again in loss to Charlotte****By Stefan Bondy**

New York Daily News

CHARLOTTE — Another dud by the Knicks starters, another failed save by their better bench.

If this sounds like a broken record, it's because the trend is real and alarming. Friday's 104-96 loss to the Hornets was the most obvious and disturbing instance.

The starters were awful after the first quarter, then watched as the reserves — led by Obi Toppin and Alec Burks — sparked a comeback to take a fourth-quarter lead.

Unlike Wednesday's loss to the Bucks, coach Tom Thibodeau reinserted most of the starters to close the game. And then they blew it.

From the moment Kemba Walker came back with about five minutes left, the Knicks were outscored 13-3. Walker, Julius Randle and RJ Barrett combined for one measly point in the fourth quarter and Evan Fournier, the \$78 million signing, remained benched for that final period. He had just five points.

The Knicks (7-6) have dropped five of their last seven games.

The starters were already under fire following a string of duds and an agitated Thibodeau remark calling excuses for their struggles "bulls**t."

They were responsible for Wednesday's loss to the Bucks, but, at first, appeared to

recover in Charlotte. Behind a Walker revival, the starters led 25-11 after just seven minutes.

Walker was arguably the greatest Hornet ever and certainly the franchise's all-time leading scorer. He was a beloved All-Star but enough on the downside in 2019 for the Hornets to bid adieu in free agency.

His knee pain became a hindrance at his next stop in Boston, and the Knicks took an \$18 million gamble on the Bronx-bred point guard. It has looked problematic to start this season.

Walker clearly lost his All-Star explosiveness, leaving Thibodeau to rely more on backup Derrick Rose. But it clicked for Walker in familiar territory in that first quarter. Walker's 19 points at the half matched his combined output of the four previous games combined.

So call it throwback week in Carolina. Walker went off at the Spectrum Center and Cam Newton signed with the Panthers.

Then it fell apart. Walker became a nonfactor despite finishing with 26 points, and his night ended by getting rejected embarrassingly at the rim by Lamelo Ball near the final buzzer. The Knicks starters were outscored in the third quarter, 31-11.

Randle, meanwhile, continued to force the issue and struggle. After Wednesday morning's shootaround, Fournier declared the root of the problem as a stagnant offense.

KNICKS**Fournier: Stagnant offense is the root of the problem****By Stefan Bondy**

New York Daily News

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ball-stopping, stagnant, isolation or selfish basketball.

However you want to label New York's dearth of assists, Evan Fournier believes it's at the root of the starting lineup's struggles.

"We started really well, shooting the ball well, sharing the ball, et cetera," Fournier said Friday. "Now it's not as good. So are we playing not as well because we are missing shots or are we missing shots because we aren't sharing the ball? It's always that question that you've got to ask yourself. In my opinion, it's because we aren't getting good shots and we aren't

working the defense well enough."

In their last eight games leading up to Friday, the Knicks were tied for last in assists with the miserable Rockets and Thunder. Overall, they were 22nd in assists and 26th in assist percentage, which contrasts their high ranking (6th) in points per game.

Fournier's hot start had fizzled heading into Friday's matchup against the Hornets, with the Knicks' \$78 million signing averaging just 10 points while shooting 22% on 3-pointers in his previous six games.

"I think it's a perfect reflection of our starting unit," Fournier said.

The Knicks' starters had been a disappointment as

the four of six heading into Friday, prompting coach Tom Thibodeau to call 'BS' on the excuse they just needed more time to jell.

"We had no business being on the court," Fournier acknowledged about the starters.

The coach benched the lineup for the entire fourth quarter of Wednesday's loss to the Bucks, continuing a trend of Fournier as a spectator to finish games. In the 11 games before Friday, Fournier ranked 10th on the Knicks in fourth-quarter minutes. It had developed into a much different vibe than the first couple weeks of the season, when the Knicks were 6-1 and Fournier was burying clutch buckets against the Celtics.

NFL NOTES**Patriots list Harris, Stevenson as questionable; Chubb is out**

Courant News Services

The Patriots listed running backs Damien Harris and Rhamondre Stevenson as questionable for Sunday's game against the Browns, which means both players still have a chance of playing.

Harris and Stevenson did not practice all week after suffering head injuries in the fourth quarter of Sunday's win over the Panthers. It's possible both could clear concussion protocol Saturday.

"I'd say they're in the day-to-day category," coach Bill Belichick said Friday morning.

The Browns definitely will be struggling with running back depth, as coach Kevin Stefanski announced Friday that neither Nick Chubb nor Demetric Felton will be activated off the reserve/COVID-19 list in time. Chubb and Felton are both vaccinated but couldn't produce two negative tests at least 24 hours apart.

If Harris and Stevenson cannot go, the Patriots will have to rely on Brandon Bolden and J.J. Taylor out of the backfield. They do not have any running backs on the practice squad and did not make any signings this week.

Kick returner Gunner Olszewski (concussion), who also did not practice this week, is questionable as well. Linebacker Jamie Collins (ankle), meanwhile, is doubtful.

— Nicole Yang, Boston Globe

Jets looking for more from D

More than a week later, it still stings.

The Indianapolis Colts kept running — up the middle, around the edge and down the field — on Nov. 4. And there was nothing the New York Jets could do about it.

"When the offense is able to run the ball on you, especially the way that the ball got run

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	8	4	.667	—
Philadelphia	8	5	.615	½
New York	7	5	.583	1
Toronto	7	6	.538	1 ½
Boston	5	6	.455	2 ½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	8	3	.727	—
Miami	7	5	.582	1 ½
Charlotte	6	7	.462	3
Atlanta	4	8	.333	4 ½
Orlando	3	9	.250	5 ½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	8	3	.727	—
Cleveland	7	5	.583	1 ½
Milwaukee	6	6	.500	2 ½
Indiana	5	8	.385	4
Detroit	2	8	.200	5 ½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	PCT	GB
SOUTHWEST	7	4	.636	—
Memphis	6	5	.545	1
San Antonio	4	7	.364	3
Houston	1	10	.091	6
New Orleans	1	11	.083	6 ½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	8	4	.667	—
Denver	7	4	.636	½
Portland	5	7	.417	3
Oklahoma City	4	6	.400	3
Minnesota	3	7	.300	4

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	10	1	.909	—
Phoenix	7	3	.700	2 ½
L.A. Clippers	7	4	.636	3
L.A. Lakers	7	5	.583	3 ½
Sacramento	5	7	.417	5 ½

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

New York at Charlotte, late
Detroit at Cleveland, late
Milwaukee at Boston, late
Brooklyn at New Orleans, late
Phoenix at Memphis, late
Portland at Houston, late
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, late
Dallas at San Antonio, late
Atlanta at Denver, late
Chicago at Golden State, late
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Miami at Utah, 5 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 115, Philadelphia 109
Indiana 111, Utah 100
L.A. Clippers 112, Miami 109

MLB

PLATINUM GLOVE AWARD

AL: Carlos Correa, SS, Houston

NL: Nolan Arenado, 3B, St. Louis

GOLD GLOVE TEAM AWARD

AL: Houston Astros

NL: St. Louis Cardinals

ODDS

NBA

SATURDAY		UNDERRUG	
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERRUG
at Utah	off	(off)	Miami
at New Orleans	off	(off)	Memphis
Washington	4 (204)	at Orlando	Philadelphia
at Indiana	off (20%)	100%	Detroit
at Toronto	8½ (20%)	100%	Boston
at LA Clippers	2½ (20%)	100%	at Cleveland
at LA Clippers	6½ (22%)	100%	Minnesota

COLLEGE BASKETBALL		SATURDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERRUG
COLLEGE BASKETBALL	9½ (13%)	100%	Omaha
FAVORITE	7½ (13%)	100%	Ga. Southern
at Notre Dame	24 (150)	CS Northridge	Philadelphia
at Miami	2 (137%)	100%	UCF
at Tulsa	14½ (127%)	100%	Air Force
at Georgetown	16 (135%)	100%	Dartmouth
at Wichita St.	14½ (13%)	100%	Old Dominion
at Belmont	13 (13%)	100%	S. Alabama
at Belmont	13 (13%)	100%	Evansville
at DePaul	12½ (145%)	100%	C. Michigan
at SE Missouri	6 (145%)	100%	Yngstowm St.
at Colorado	17 (143%)	100%	New Mexico
at Gonzaga	8½ (151%)	100%	Texas

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FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERRUG
SMU	7 (61)	100%	UCF
at Memphis	5 (59)	100%	E. Carolina
Houston	24½ (53)	100%	Temple
at Indiana	7 (42½)	100%	Rutgers
at Alabama	51½ (67)	100%	N. Mex. St.
Michigan	1½ (48½)	100%	Penn St.
at Wisconsin	24½ (41%)	100%	Northwestern
Louisville	3½ (55%)	100%	Syracuse
Kansas St.	6½ (47%)	100%	W. Virginia
Auburn	5½ (51%)	100%	Miss. St.
at Florida	37 (70)	100%	Samford
Oklahoma	5½ (62%)	100%	Baylor
at Army	53 (61%)	100%	Bucknell
Maine	3½ (59%)	100%	UMass
Utah	24 (54)	100%	Arizona
at Co. Carolina	10½ (62%)	100%	Georgia St.
W. Kentucky	18½ (61½)	100%	Rice
at Appalachian St.	22½ (52%)	100%	S. Alabama
Texas St.	2½ (52%)	100%	Texas
Iowa	4½ (37%)	100%	Minnesota
at Ohio St.	21 (63%)	100%	Purdue
Georgia	20 (56)	100%	Tenn.
Miami	2½ (61)	100%	Florida St.
at Virginian Tech	11½ (51)	100%	Duke
at Georgia Tech	1½ (54%)	100%	Tech
Louisiana Tech	7 (57)	100%	Bost. Coll.
at Louisiana Tech	4½ (55½)	100%	Charlotte
Marshall	6½ (48%)	100%	La. Lafayette
at Mid Tenn.	10 (55)	100%	Troy
FIU	7 (48%)	100%	Old Dom.
at UTSA	33 (54%)	100%	Temple
Louisiana Tech	2½ (52%)	100%	Philadelphia
Kentucky	21½ (52%)	100%	Philadelphia
Arizona St.	2½ (52%)	100%	Vanderbilt
Texas A&M	2½ (57%)	100%	Miss. St.
Air Force	2½ (45½)	100%	Colo. St.
Fresno St.	24½ (51)	100%	New Mexico
Arkansas	2½ (59%)	100%	LSU
Wake Forest	3 (62%)	100%	Tulane
Michigan St.	12 (61%)	100%	Maryland
South Carolina	1 (65%)	100%	Missouri
UTEP	1 (55%)	100%	N. Texas
Hawaii	3½ (62%)	100%	UNLV
La.-Monroe	3 (66%)	100%	Ark. St.
Oregon St.	12½ (55%)	100%	Stanford
Kentucky	2½ (52%)	100%	Vanderbilt
Arizona St.	2½ (54%)	100%	Wash. St.
Texas A&M	2½ (57%)	100%	UCLA
Arkansas	2½ (45½)	100%	Colorado
at Florida	2½ (57%)	100%	Utah
at UCLA	17½ (57%)	100%	Utah
at Oregon	14 (57%)	100%	Wash. St.
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FOOTBALL
Saturday: at Clemson,
 noon, ACC Network

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday: vs. Coppin State,
 noon, FS2

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UConn quarterback Steven Krajewski throws during the second half against Middle Tennessee State on Oct. 22 at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Clemson

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Here's all you need to know about Saturday's matchup.

The basics

Time: Noon, ET
Venue: Memorial Stadium, Clemson, South Carolina
Series history: First meeting
The line: Clemson by 41
Records: UConn 1-8; Clemson 6-3
TV: ACC Network (Wes Durham, Roddy Jones, Taylor Davis)
Radio: UConn IMG Radio Network (Mike Crispino, Wayne Norman and Adam Giardino) — 97.9 ESPN Hartford
Livestream: ESPN.com (authenticated ACC Network subscription needed)

Tale of the tape

UConn's offense: The Huskies have had three weeks to polish things off after a dismal performance against Middle Tennessee. The Huskies have been unable to run the ball in nearly every game this season, averaging 112.7 yards per game, 113th among the 130 FBS teams. With Clemson's

big, athletic front seven, it's hard to imagine UConn breaking out this week.

UConn's defense: The Huskies continue to see some outstanding individual performances from players like Ugual, Travis Jones, Jackson Mitchell, who is fourth in the country with 99 tackles, and others. Collectively, they haven't been able to stop FBS offenses, allowing 197.6 rushing yards (111th in FBS) and 240.3 passing yards (85th), which would be worse if opposing teams weren't so far ahead so often.

Clemson offense: Clemson is rushing for 147.7 yards per game, led by Will Shipley with 444 yards. The Tigers use several running backs. DJ Uiagalelei is a dual threat quarterback who has been hampered with a knee injury.

Clemson defense: The Tigers hold teams to 125.3 rushing yards per game but allow 206.9 through the air with a 58.9% completion percentage. These numbers aren't as significant in a game that could get out of hand early, but Clemson, with 26 sacks and 64 tackles for loss, figures to dominate the line of scrimmage.

Key matchup: UConn DT Travis Jones vs. Clemson interior lineman is a chance for Jones to show NFL scouts what he can do against high-end

competition.

UConn player to watch: Quarterback Steve Krajewski, whose athletic ability and poise will be tested.

Clemson player to watch: Look for Clemson backup quarterback Taisun Phommachanh to get some playing time. Phommachanh from Stratford and Avon Old Farms, is the older brother of UConn freshman QB Tyler Phommachanh.

About Clemson's coach: William Christopher "Dabo" Swinney, 51, took over the program midway through the 2008 season and has become one of the most successful coaches in Tigers history, with national championships in 2016 and '18. A walk-on receiver who earned a scholarship at Alabama where he played for the national champs in 1992, Swinney coached receivers at his alma mater before joining Clemson's staff in 2003. He is 146-36 as the Tigers' head coach, second in wins only to Frank Howard (165) in school history.

Famous Clemson alumni: Jimmy Key (two-time World Series champ), Horace Grant (four-time NBA All-Star) and Jeff Bostic and Dwight Clark (multiple Super Bowl champions).

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"Ayanna committed here without ever having stepped foot on campus because it was during the height of the pandemic. You've got to really admire a kid who has that much trust, both in herself and us, to want to be able to make that commitment at that time."

It's guesswork to determine whether a kid who's barely a sophomore can turn into the player he envisions, Auriemma admitted. Fortunately for him it seems that Brady put in the work over the past two years to grow in the ways he was hoping.

"That's why I never do, hardly ever do [say yes to a kid that early]. I don't know why I did it. I just lost my mind. But I said yes, and then she turned out to be what I hoped she'd become," he said.

"Sometimes you think so and it doesn't work out that way."

Brady told The Courant recently that, since committing, she has become a much stronger player and has tried to establish herself as a more versatile threat who can play out on the perimeter. Auriemma has noticed.

"Big kids that can pass, shoot the ball a little bit, handle themselves all over the court, pretty much are very rare to find, unless you go to volleyball practice."

and on the glass.

"It's hard to really project because every time she plays, she's double- and triple-teamed. So you say to yourself, 'How will she do when she's not?' And that's what I'm thinking," he said. "She has a great stroke. She is not consistent enough with it, so that's going to be a big point [when she gets here] because if she does help us a ton."

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Injury notes

Griffin and freshman Saylor Poffenbarger remain out for Sunday's season opener. Both missed last week's exhibition with injuries — Griffin, a high-ankle sprain, and Poffenbarger, a shin problem. Poffenbarger was seeing a doctor Friday to address the issue, while Griffin was "gonna do a couple things today [in practice], from what I understand, and we'll see how she goes," Auriemma said. "But she's obviously not near ready to actually play in a game." In the open portion of practice Griffin participated in a few early drills before taking to the stationary bike on the sideline.

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Cathedral Catholic's Isuneh Brady, now a UConn commit, moves down the court during a January 2019 game against Christian. CHADD CADY/SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

That's that's where usually all the big kids that used to play basketball are these days," he said. "So when you find somebody like that, you just kind of hope that each year they get better and better and better. And she has. Our offense really is predicated on big kids that can move, catch, pass, shoot it, dribble it, and I think she fits that mold."

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"And I think defensively and around the rim because of her athletic ability, I think she'll be able to [help]. Anytime you can get from here [he gestures left] to there [right] quickly and can get from here [down] to there [up] quickly, you have a chance to contribute. And she can do that."

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Did you know?

In 2020, vehicles killed 38,680 people in the United States, a 7 percent increase from 2019, even as people stayed home in droves. That trend continues in 2021.

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Floyd will take redshirt season for 2021-22

By Dom Amore
 Hartford Courant

STORRS — Corey Floyd Jr., originally one of UConn's top recruits from the Class of 2022, will take a redshirt season for 2021-22.

The move, announced by UConn on Friday, was not a surprise. Floyd graduated a year early from Roselle Catholic High in New Jersey and chose to enroll at UConn for this academic year. He is 17, nearly seven years younger than the Huskies' most veteran players.

As a redshirt, he will be able to practice and travel with the Huskies, then will have four years of eligibility beginning next season.

The 6-foot-3 Floyd is a combination guard who averaged 16.5 points, 4.0

rebounds and 2.7 assists for Roselle Catholic then helped AAU Team Final to a Peach Jam championship in South Carolina. He had hoped to play this year, but with graduate student R.J. Cole, junior Jalen Gaffney, sophomore Andre Jackson and freshmen Rahsoul Diggins and Jordan Hawkins all at guard, there would be little playing time available.

Just before Floyd decided to enroll in August, UConn men's basketball coach Dan Hurley had said that any new addition to the team would likely have to sit out the 2021-22 season.

The Redshirt season will allow Floyd to get stronger under UConn's strength and condition program and to continue to play against older competition in practice.

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get on the offensive glass, get him to think, not so much as a pick-and-pop four man, but as Adama [Sanogo] is ducking in, roll off a ball screen and play for a lob rather than get lost at the 3-point line."

Now that he is healthy, taking the next step will involve becoming a better offensive rebounder. Akok's favorite moment from the opener was when he rushed to the rim and put in an offensive rebound for his first bucket.

"We watched it on film and the coaches said, 'Akok, two years ago, wouldn't have done that,'" he said.

Even since Akok's name first surfaced as a UConn recruit, during his days at Putnam Science, there has been a certain mystique around him. At 6 feet 9 and lanky he has the potential to be an NBA player, especially if he can recapture his pre-injury abilities as a shooter and shot-blocker. He averaged 5.8 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.6 blocks in 25 games before going down with the injury.

He returned last season but was not close to being himself and played only sparingly. But in one game he came off the bench for significant minutes at Xavier; his teammates went wild with his first basket.

"Whenever he's doing good, we're all doing good," Isaiah Whaley said. "It's just his joy with basketball. He shows it every possession.

Even in practice we laugh at it sometimes, he'll make a steal and he'll just celebrate like he just won the lottery. It's always fun to see how much he loves playing basketball and I guess the fans and everybody else feeds off it."

Though Hurley explained many times that Akok would need the full 18 months after surgery to fully recover, fans continued to ask about him on social media. There is an unusual connection there.

"The reputation that I built [my freshman year] and then got hurt," Akok said. "I feel like all of them rallied around me, and I respect that a lot. My enthusiasm for the game, my love for the game, they can all see it and I feel like they vibe with it."

Here's what you need to know about the matchup:

THE MATCHUP

UConn's offense: In the first game Sanogo was the featured big-time, scoring 20. The Huskies were able to get it inside and have spacing without taking a lot of 3-point shots (6-for-10). As these early games go look for the Huskies to take more threes, around 20. Freshman Jordan Hawkins could be part of that, but he is likely to miss his second game with an ankle injury.

UConn's defense: Pretty solid against CCSU until the final minutes. The Huskies can press their size advantage and play a big lineup or try to match up with their backcourt depth.

Coppin State offense: Through two games, Zarzuela led the team in scoring at 16.5 per game, but was only 10 for 30 from the floor, 4 for 14 on threes.

Coppin State defense: The Eagles were overmatched by Loyola Chicago and DePaul, allowing 200 points in those games and 50 percent shooting from the floor.

UConn key: Don't be complacent.

Player to watch: Samson Johnson. The freshman was too amped up vs. Central, now he has had time to settle in.

About Coppin State's coach: Juan Dixon is best remembered in these parts for his 27-point performance for Maryland in a victory over UConn in the 2002

NCAA Tournament en route to the Terrapins' national championship. Dixon, 43, from Baltimore went on to play in the NBA from 2002-09, then coach the University of the District of Columbia women's team for a year. He is 33-87 since taking over Coppin State in 2017.

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

AAC commish against P5 protection

American Athletic Conference Commissioner Mike Aresco said Friday he will "vigorously" oppose a College Football Playoff expansion model that "protects" Power Five leagues with automatic access for only their champions plus one. "I don't want to see a system that would reward privilege for the sake of privilege," Aresco said. The CFP management committee, comprised of 10 Bowl Subdivision conference commissioners and Notre Dame's athletic director, met last week in Dallas to discuss growing the playoff from its current four-team field. The group needs to come to a unanimous consensus on a new format before expansion. While even one dissenter can slow the process, Aresco says he's not alone. A 12-team model was proposed in the summer that would include six guaranteed spots for the highest-ranked FBS conference champs and six at-large selections, with no limit on the number of teams a conference can have. Aresco confirmed a Sports Illustrated report an alternative model was discussed last week that provided automatic access only to the champs of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and Southeastern Conference, and only the highest-ranked champion from the so-called Group of Five conferences.

Playoff Lamar makes early entrance



A 327-pound offensive lineman running with the football was more exciting than Lamar Jackson. Playoff Lamar showed up in the regular season. If Jackson and the rest of the Ravens' offense don't figure out how to beat cover zero defensive schemes, the Ravens won't have to wait until the playoffs to flop. Jackson had no room to run and little time to throw against the Dolphins, who entered with the NFL's third-worst defense but shut down Jackson and the Raven's high-powered offense in a 22-10 win Thursday night. In a copycat league, the Ravens can expect to see more teams use the Dolphins' aggressive approach. The Dolphins brought heavy blitz packages, leaving no defenders deep. Jackson couldn't take advantage. He finished 26 of 43 for 238 yards with one touchdown and one interception. His 73.6 passer rating was his lowest since he posted a 61.5 rating in a playoff loss to the Bills last January. "We've seen it before," Jackson said about facing a cover zero defense. "We were practicing it the whole week. We have to do a better job handling it."

Gruden sues NFL for leaked emails

Former Raiders coach Jon Gruden has sued Commissioner Roger Goodell and the NFL, alleging that a "malicious and orchestrated campaign" was used to destroy his career by leaking old emails he had sent that included racist, misogynistic and homophobic comments. The suit was filed in district court in Clark County, Nevada, on Thursday, exactly a month after Gruden resigned as Raiders coach following the publication of his emails by the Wall Street Journal and New York Times. The emails sent to former Washington Football Team executive Bruce Allen from 2011 to 2018 during Gruden's time as an announcer at ESPN included racist, misogynistic and homophobic comments. They came from a set of 650,000 emails obtained by the league in June during an investigation into the workplace culture of the Washington Football Team. Gruden's attorney, Adam Hosmer-Henner, said in a statement the defendants "selectively leaked Gruden's private correspondence to the Wall Street Journal and New York Times in order to harm Gruden's reputation and force him out of his job." "The allegations are entirely meritless and the NFL will vigorously defend against these claims," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy McCarthy said. —AP



Cincinnati quarterback Desmond Ridder is doing all he can to get his team into the College Football Playoff. ANDY LYONS/GETTY

COLLEGE FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

Beyond their reach

Bearcats face uphill climb to crack the playoff puzzle

By Paul Newberry

Associated Press

You've got to feel for the Cincinnati Bearcats.

No matter what lofty heights they reach — and a perfect record is certainly within reach after Friday night's 45-28 win against lowly South Florida — in all likelihood they will not be among four teams selected for the College Football Playoff.

What a pity.

Cincinnati is certainly worthy of more than a New Year's Day consolation prize for building the best non-Power Five program in the country, but the cash-cow playoff has always been reserved for those who make the rules and count the bucks.

Even if the Bearcats finished 13-0, won their conference title and could point to a resume that included an impressive road victory over Notre Dame, it probably wouldn't be enough.

"We've got to keep it going, keep the foot on the gas," quarterback Desmond Ridder said. "We can't let up."

The Bearcats headed to Tampa having lost only one game in the past two seasons — a last-second defeat to Georgia in the Peach Bowl.

The mighty Bulldogs are clearly the best team in the land this season, which leaves three other spots to be sorted out over the next few weeks.

The selection committee has already thrown a couple of bones to the Bearcats, placing them sixth in its first poll and fifth in the most recent survey — the highest rankings ever for a non-Power Five team.

Granted, Cincinnati didn't earn a whole lot of style points with last weekend's 28-20 victory over Tulsa (3-6), a game that came down to the Bearcats recovering a fumble in the end zone with less than a minute remaining.

But winning is really the only thing that matters. Luke Fickell's bunch has done that about as well as any team in the country, capturing their first 10 games this year to improve to 41-6 since the beginning of the 2018 season.

"Nobody can live up to what other people want them to be," the coach said. "When it comes down to it, there is one objective: win a football game."

If there was ever a season to reward a team from the Group of Five schools that generally get the shaft on selection day, this appears to be it.

Three of the so-called power conferences are a mess:

— Oregon is the only team worthy of a look from the Pac-12, which long ago stopped being an elite football conference. And the Ducks have a major blemish on their record, losing to a Stanford team that has only two other wins in 2021. Still, the playoff committee has them ranked at No. 3 behind only Georgia and defending national champion Alabama.

— Oklahoma is 9-0 and on track to capture another Big 12 title, but the Sooner had more style and strength-of-schedule issues than Cincinnati. The combined record of the teams they have beaten is 31-51, with only two of those squads currently above .500.

— With Clemson taking a major step backward, the Atlantic Conference Conference has no one even sniffing at playoff consideration. Wake Forest, ranked No. 12, is the highest ACC team in this week's CFP poll.

The remaining Power Five leagues are likely to contribute two or three teams to the playoff.

Georgia (9-0) is already a virtual shoe-in from the powerful Southeastern Conference, even if the Bulldogs stumble along the way. They have a defense for the ages and have barely been challenged, trailing only twice all season for a total of less than 11 minutes.

Presuming Georgia wins its last three regular-season games, not even

a loss in the SEC championship game would be enough to keep the Bulldogs out.

They'll likely be matched in Atlanta against Alabama, which is ranked No. 2 by the playoff committee even with a loss to Texas A&M.

Of course, if the Crimson Tide knocks off the nation's best team, coach Nick Saban would surely get a crack at his seventh national title in the past 13 years. No argument there.

The Big Ten will presumably will land at least one team in the playoff, with Ohio State currently at No. 4 in the CFP rankings. Michigan (No. 6) and Michigan State (No. 7) are right behind the Bearcats, with a bunch of head-to-headings between those three one-loss contenders still remaining.

Any team that navigates the November gauntlet without any further setbacks would certainly be a worthy selection.

Cincinnati's best hope to make the playoff is Georgia completing a perfect romp through the SEC, which would likely eliminate Alabama or any other team from what is clearly the nation's best conference.

Even then, though, we're not at all confident that the committee would seriously consider an unbeaten Bearcats team over Power Five schools such as Oregon, Ohio State or Oklahoma, no matter their flaws.

Ridder sounded a bit naive when he expressed confidence in the Bearcats' chances.

"All we care about is winning the conference championship," the quarterback said. "Once we do that, everything is gonna take care of itself."

Here's a dose of reality: Since the current playoff format was launched in 2014, no team from outside the Power Five has come close to getting the call. Those four playoff spots are always reserved for the big boys.

No matter what the Bearcats do, they are unlikely to break through that imposing bit of history.

Getting defensive: The Volunteers have the most challenging task in the country this week: trying to score against No. 1 Georgia.

You've probably seen the stats. Less than seven points allowed per game. More than three sacks per game. Five offensive touchdowns allowed all season. No matter how you slice it, this Georgia defense is one of the best of all-time. But will it continue against better offenses?

Tennessee should not be confused for a scoring machine, but the Vols rank 12th nationally in offensive SP+, a tempo-and opponent-adjusted measure of efficiency. Quarterback Hendon Hooker, a Virginia Tech transfer, has been outstanding of late, particularly throwing the deep ball.

Don't overlook Purdue: The Boilermakers are, historically, the scariest underdog in the country. But they might have lost some of their mojo this week by being ranked in the Top 25.

Unranked Purdue teams have beaten a top-five opponent 17 times, a Football Bowl Subdivision record. But after a 40-29 upset of No. 3 Michigan State on Saturday, their second over a top-three opponent this season, the Boilermakers climbed to No. 19 in the College Football Playoff rankings.

One of those unranked upsets came against Ohio State in 2018, when Purdue trampled the No. 3 Buckeyes, 49-20. Ohio State has not lost a Big Ten conference game since, winning 24 straight between the tenures of coach Urban Meyer and Ryan Day. There's a slim chance the Buckeyes overlook their opponent Saturday, especially given what Purdue has done this season. But this Boilermakers team might be more talented than that 2018 outfit.

A tough path to the SEC title game: No. 11 Texas A&M and No. 15 Ole Miss do not have a clear path to the SEC title game in the rugged West, but the Aggies can get there by winning out, starting Saturday against Ole Miss, and hoping for another Alabama loss. This might be the best defense Ole Miss quarterback Matt Corral faces all season as he looks to build his stock as a potential high pick in the 2022 NFL draft.

Irish back in the conversation: The Fighting Irish seemed to fade from the playoff conversation after a loss to Cincinnati, but they've won four straight since and have seemingly found their offensive identity behind quarterbacks Jack Coan and Tyler Buchner. If they can keep up with a high-powered Virginia offense led by quarterback Brennan Armstrong, it might be time to take their playoff aspirations a little more seriously.

MOTORING

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Even if the redesigned 2022 Lexus NX doesn't initially seem dramatically different, it most certainly is. LEXUS PHOTOS

Lexus got things just right

Redesigned 2022 NX is a clear advance from the first generation

By Larry Printz

Tribune News Service

When Lexus first arrived decades ago, it was very much a split personality. Sure, there was the exquisitely engineered Lexus LS 400, a clear attempt at bettering the finest sedans from Germany. But it was sold alongside the ES 250, which was little more than a Camry with unwarranted airs of superiority. It was as if your plumber crashed a debutante's ball.

It's worth remembering when considering the Lexus NX. It first appeared in 2015 as a classic automotive upstart. Essentially, Toyota draped the RAV4 in Lexus couture. But this sleight of hand worked wonderfully. The Lexus NX is now the brand's second most popular vehicle after the RX, having grown to account for 23% of sales. So nearly 1 in 4 Lexus vehicles is a compact crossover.

With that kind of popularity, any changes must be made carefully. So even if the redesigned 2022 Lexus NX doesn't initially seem dramatically different, it most certainly is. Just check out the tailgate. There you'll see Lexus spelled out in letters in place of the Lexus L logo. Officials at Lexus seem to consider this a big deal, and I suppose it is if you're a Lexus marketer. But other changes are far more significant, with the most

important being found inside.

Until now, Lexus drivers had to contend with a truly dreadful infotainment system controlled by a finicky touch pad and user interface that would be tolerable if you didn't have to drive while using it. Filled with overwrought and cluttered graphics, it was challenging to use at a glance, to say the least.

Thankfully, Lexus has finally rectified the situation by replacing the Japanese-designed system with one designed in America. The results speak for themselves.

The large infotainment screen is the NX's most notable improvement. The test vehicle's 14-inch is almost too large.



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information poorly placed. A distracting animated graphic constantly shows you which part of the driveline is working, which seems unnecessary. The trip odometer is buried and easily blocked by the steering wheel. The graphics lack the sophistication of the infotainment system and seem as if they're made by a different automaker — and to some extent they are. The instrument cluster was designed in Japan — like the former infotainment system.

If this seems like a minor concern, it only stands out because the rest of the vehicle is such a clear advance from the first generation.

The NX is equipped with four powertrains, starting with the NX 250's normally aspirated 2.5-liter four, which it shares with the Toyota RAV4. It generates 203 horsepower thor-

ough its eight-speed automatic to the front wheels, although all-wheel drive is optional. Performance is best described as adequate, with a 0-60 mph time of 8.6 seconds. Step up to the NX 350 and things immediately get more interesting, as 0-60 mph times drop by 2 seconds, thanks to the turbocharged 2.5-liter four, with 257 horsepower; the eight-speed and all-wheel drive. If this sounds tempting, you're not alone. Lexus expects it to account for 40% of sales.

The rest of the lineup is made up of hybrids.

The NX 350H is a conventional hybrid with 239 horsepower, but with a 7.2-second 0-60 mph time,

it's slower than the NX 350. If you're considering a hybrid NX, and don't mind its lofty price, opt for the NX 450H plug-in hybrid, with a 37-mile pure electric

range and a 6-second 0-60 mph time.

The turbocharged four, the NX's most popular power plant, provides enough punch for the cut-and-thrust of daily driving. While it's more than up to the task at hand, the hybrid power plants prove superior in punch and fuel efficiency, with the top-of-the-line plug-in hybrid proving sprightly off-the-line thanks to its constant feed of electric power. That extra torque continually enhances the NX's responsiveness, endowing it with the effortless feel one expects of a luxury vehicle. That said, its spendy starting price may make you think twice before popping for it.

Handling is nicely balanced between ride and handling, with some body lean in corners, but it remains moderate. Bump

absorption is fairly good, without the excess ride motions that comes with ride compliance. Steering is very numb, robbing what little sportiness this vehicle might have had. Most Lexus drivers won't care.

Overall size remains about the same, with only minor increases in length, width and height.

Inside, the cabin's new look is far better than the old model, particularly up front. The large chunky center console no longer dominates the space. Its design has been pared back, much like the exterior, and the results are far more pleasing. But some details, such as the door trim, seem more like afterthoughts than true integrated design.

As before there's good room for front seat passengers and adequate space in the second row, with legroom dependent on the kindness of those in front. The cabin is blessedly quiet. Cargo room is impressive, and there's underfloor storage thanks to the lack of a spare tire, as all 2022 NX models wear run-flat tires.

And wait until you try its digital door handles, which eliminates the need to pull a door handle.

For those who think there are no second acts in American life, the 2022 Lexus NX proves that old saying wrong. With an impressive array of drivelines, pared back styling, impressive new infotainment system and a perfect size in an ever more crowded world, the NX is an automotive Goldilocks: not too hot, not too cold, but just right.

Mazdas to detect drivers suffering health issues

By Yuri Kageyama

Associated Press

TOKYO — Cars already know how to park themselves, warn drowsy drivers, steer back into the right lanes and propose map routes to destinations. The cars Mazda has in the works for next year in Japan know when drivers have a stroke or heart attack.

By 2025, the cars will even know when drivers are about to have a sudden health problem and warn

them, according to the Japanese automaker.

What's involved are data from cameras inside the car, without resorting to laser sensors or other more obtrusive technology. And it's going to be offered in affordable models, not just luxury vehicles. The technology holds promise for one of the most advanced aging societies in the world.

Mazda told reporters recently it has been working with medical experts, including Tsukuba University Hospital, research-

ing the collected image data to figure out what a healthy driver looks like, as opposed to an incapacitated driver, suddenly slumped forward over the steering wheel.

Once recognizing a problem, Co-Pilot Concept, which has yet to have an official name, will bring that car to a stop in a safe spot, such as the curb of the road, as quickly as possible.

The car will be honking, with blinker and hazard lights flashing, according to Mazda, although the exact

warning signals are still undecided. An emergency call to the ambulance and police will also get relayed.

Other major automakers, including Volkswagen of Germany and Japanese rival Toyota Motor Corp., are working on similar technology.

Mazda plans to offer the technology in Europe after Japan. Mazda wants to wait and see before offering it in the U.S., because it believes questions remain about their social acceptance, although similar



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systems that stop vehicles are already being offered by rivals.

As for privacy concerns, the personal data does not leave the car, according to Mazda. The technology

will empower people to keep driving through their lifetime and will help reassure families and friends not to be worried, said Takahiro Tochioka, the engineer in charge.



2021 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Coupe and Convertible. CHEVROLET

REVIEW

2021 Stingray puts physics to work for great speed, handling

By Barry Spyker
Tribune News Service

While the motor press has reported ecstatically on the mid-engine C8 Stingray, one Corvette design engineer says it's not all about engine placement.

"This was not just about moving the engine. This was a ground-up rebuild," Kirk Bennion said at a Corvette event in Florida.

"The biggest benefit, really, is that it moved the occupants 16.5 inches forward. That was a huge change. It gave the car better balance, better weight distribution ... and it improved traction and handling."

Analysts and enthusiasts alike have been amazed at the dynamic design of the C8, now in its second model year. One humble Corvette technical engineer, Betsy Philip, said there's really "nothing tricky" about it. "We don't try to cheat the law of physics," he said. "We try to get it to work for us."

Best of all, the C8 is still one of the best bang-for-your-buck sports cars in the world, a track star yet graceful and comfortable enough for daily commutes and road trips. Its wide stance is enhanced by a broad, blacked-out grille, large air intakes in front and bulging from the sides, and a broad rear with

2021 Corvette Stingray Convertible

Suggested retail price:

\$67,495; \$90,775 (as tested)

Powertrain:

Naturally aspirated 6.2-liter engine good for 490 horsepower and 470

pound-feet of torque; linked to 8-speed dual-clutch automatic

Performance:

0-60 in 2.8 seconds, 0-100 in 7.2; top speed 194 mph

Fuel economy:

15 mpg city, 27 highway (19 combined)

squared-off quad exhausts.

The hardtop convertible (\$7,500 option) was a first for Corvette. Surveys showed a preference for the hard top over fabric. Not only does it look cleaner, Chevy says, it offers better aerodynamics. With a tap of the key fob, it drops down in just 16 seconds even at speeds up to 30 mph.

Beyond good looks and speed, the C8 also handles like no Corvette before it. With extra weight over the rear wheels, balance and traction are noticeably improved through twisty roads and corners.

Also, kudos for a nicely weighted and precise steering system.

Drive modes include Sport, Track, Tour,

Weather and another to customize settings. Flip into Tour and the C8 relaxes suspension, steering and throttle for breezy commutes and beer runs. Track mode allows the driver to use the Launch Control and record performance numbers and video.

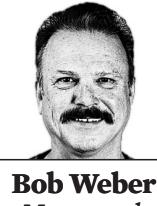
The C8 has some growl with its bite but it's not a loudmouth. There is a button to enhance the rumble from the squared-off quad exhausts, if you like to announce your arrival. And here's a tip for the noisemakers on the boulevard: Pull back on both paddle shifters for a quick slip into neutral, then rev it up!

One design oddity is a 16-inch wall of climate-control buttons separating the driver and passenger. Maybe it was designed by a dad with daughters? It is tedious finding the right button quickly but that will ease up over time.

Materials are first-class across the board: leather, metal trim and suede fabrics even on base trims.

Putting "physics to work" has placed the C8 in the company of supercars when it comes to performance. Fortunately, with an MSRP around \$60K and most supercars at two or three times that, it still is behind the pack when it comes to price.

Speed name of the game for catalytic converter thieves



Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: I've read about several catalytic converter thefts recently. My Toyota dealership is advertising a shield for theft protection. What are your thoughts? Does this shield prevent access for car maintenance?

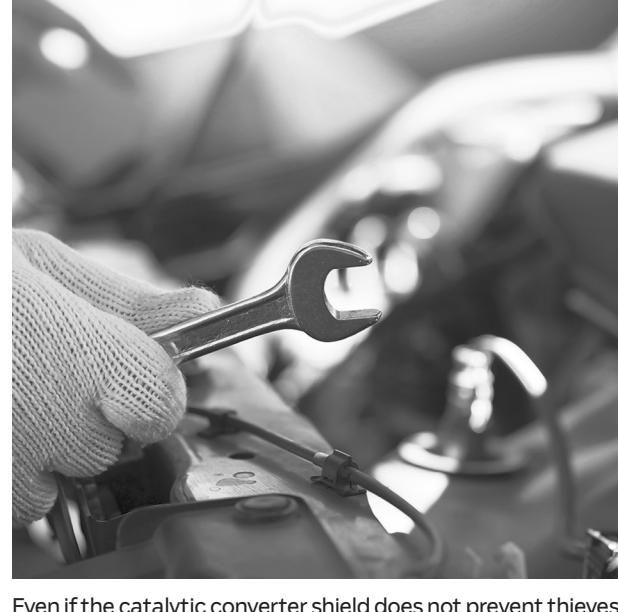
— G.R., Morton Grove, Illinois

A: Even if the catalytic converter shield does not prevent thieves from getting what they want, it certainly slows them down. And speed is the name of the game for cat thieves so any obstacle sends them searching for an easier mark. Since the cat is not a maintenance item, routine service is not hampered.

Q: I loved your comment about the oil change intervals. Nobody reads their manual unless they can't change the time on the clock twice a year.

I have read our manuals religiously for years. Our vehicles have the oil minder accessible by touching buttons on the steering wheel. And in the manual, it clearly says to change your oil every year or less. The oil minder has usually shown the oil life being diminished at about 15,000 miles. The interesting conversations I

have had with kids at the oil change places declaring I am voiding my warranty are a story for another day. None have been able to find in our manual where it says to change the oil every 3,000 miles. Reading the manual is way more fun than a lot of novels,



Even if the catalytic converter shield does not prevent thieves from getting what they want, it certainly slows them down.

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and it actually saves you money. Thanks for pointing that out.

— S.L., Christmas, Florida

A: Thank you for backing me up.

Q: I recently had my mechanic put new struts on my 2010 Toyota Matrix purchased used nearly two years ago with 80,000 miles. He put on Excel-G KYB struts. They took the edge off its rough ride but after 3-4 months it seems to be riding like it was before. What gives?

— G.E., Evanston, Illinois

A: The struts you had installed are the same as the original equipment units that came on the vehicle from the factory. Sometimes motorists' perceptions of ride quality change. Sometimes there may be a product issue. KYB is customer friendly and you may email your concerns to kybcs@kyb.com.

the light keeps coming on. The tires are all good, the system seems to be working fine. This is the only other thing I can think of.

— K.M., Willowbrook, Illinois

A: You didn't say what make and model car you have, but unmatched tires could be a problem. While most cars have tire pressure sensors mounted on their wheels, others rely on the ABS (antilock brake system) to report if any wheel is spinning faster or slower than the others. Unmatched tires report unequal rotational speeds and that triggers the warning light.

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MASTERING RIBS

Turn your home into
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Smoked ribs are tender and juicy, with the exquisite flavor and aroma of smoke running all the way through. HILLARY LEVIN/
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By Daniel Neman
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Ribs represent everything that is great about meat: They have an amazing, instantly recognizable flavor that is hearty yet mild at the same time. They are tender but also have just the right amount of chew. They taste wonderful on their own, but they also pair spectacularly well with any number of sauces.

And they are practically impossible to cook badly.

And yet, a lot of people find them daunting, or too much work. Ribs are something they only order at a restaurant, preferably a barbecue joint.

But ribs are not difficult to cook at all.

What are the different cuts of ribs?

The most popular ribs are baby back ribs, which come from the top part of the rib cage. They have the most meat of all the rib cuts, and are also the quickest and easiest to cook.

Spareribs are cut just below the baby back ribs. They have more marbling between the bones, and

thus more flavor, but they also are not as tender as the baby backs.

St. Louis-style ribs are essentially spareribs, but are cut shorter so they don't have the rib tips on the bottom. Rib tips are the toughest part of the ribs.

What is the skin, and does it have to be removed?

What people call the "skin" is actually a membrane, the pleura. When cooked, it becomes tough and chewy, and most people find it unpleasant to eat — however, it is edible (and some like it). It is usually best to remove it, although we left it on while cooking ribs in a slow cooker because it helps hold the rack together when using that method.

To remove it, simply slide a thin, sharp knife between the bone side of the ribs and skin to loosen enough of it to be able to grab it. Hold it with a clean towel or paper towels and pull the skin off the ribs. It comes off baby back ribs very easily; it takes more effort with spareribs and St. Louis ribs.

If you are smoking ribs, what wood should you use?

Hickory is a good place to start; it

produces perhaps the most familiar smoke flavor. But go easy on the chips, because too much hickory smoke can add a bitter note to your meat.

Fruit woods, such as apple (which won't impart as much flavor) and cherry, are mild and are good to mix with other woods. Mesquite is delicious and unmistakable, but it can easily become harsh so be sure to use it sparingly.

Oak is not traditionally used with pork, unless you're from East Texas, where post oak grows like a weed and is used to barbecue everything.

When should I put on the sauce?

Most barbecue sauces have sugars in them (the vinegar-based sauce of North Carolina is a significant exception).

Sugars burn quickly, ruining your barbecue. If you are cooking at a low temperature, such as in the smoker, oven or slow cooker, do not apply your sauce until the last 20 to 30 minutes of cooking. If you are cooking at a high temperature, such as finishing it under the broiler or on a grill over direct heat, do not add the sauce until the last three to five minutes.

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Brussels sprouts on the stovetop can be cooked in a way that mimics the smoky taste of using a wok — a great technique for a busy weeknight dinner. SANG AN/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

By Genevieve Ko
The New York Times

My youngest child recently said to me, "I wish I was more Chinese." We were eating mooncakes, trying to catch the bits of salted preserved egg yolk crumbling from the sticky-sweet lotus-seed filling. When I asked whether that sentiment applied to how we eat at home, I already knew the answer.

We have carbonara as often as we do dumplings, cereal for breakfast and PB&J for lunch. In only a generation and a half, it feels as if our ties to our heritage are slipping. I was born in California to parents who had immigrated from Hong Kong and who fed us Cantonese food most nights. When I began cooking for myself, I started with the dishes I grew up eating.

But then I had three kids in three years while juggling multiple jobs and struggling to build a career. The demands of real life dictated mealtime, and roasting ingredients on a sheet pan felt easier than stir-frying and steaming.

Part of what kept me from reflexively cooking Chinese each night was the belief that I had to stick to the way it had been done, to be "authentic." In short, to use a wok.

It's arguably the most versatile tool in a kitchen, its steel-drum shape suited to boiling, steaming, deep-frying, dry-roasting and, of course, stir-frying. With that technique, a wok imparts wok hei, which translates to "the breath of a wok" and tastes like a thrill. It gives the dish a singed smokiness that makes it feel like it's still cooking, even as it's entering your mouth.

Achieving wok hei requires a well-seasoned wok that can be heated with furnace-level flames, ideally on a specialty stovetop that cradles its rounded base. With a regular stove, I experimented with stir-frying vegetables until I settled on using only a standard skillet. A normal



burner is designed to heat flat-bottomed cookware, so I was able to get a plain pan hotter than a wok. But then I couldn't stir-fry in the same way given the skillet's low sides. In a wok, vegetables are continuously stirred and tossed with shimmering oil and a few splashes of water to steam them just past crunchy. The fire surrounding the wok instantly evaporates the liquid into swirls of steam that tenderize vegetables and catches oil to lick them with flames.

To mimic that effect, I had to stretch

the process into two steps. The pan is first heated until it's so hot a drop of water skitters and sizzles away. The oil is added and swirled with aromatics like garlic to create

a fragrant smokiness before the vegetables are spread on the pan's wide base to char. Water then goes in, and the pan is immediately covered to trap the heat (and to prevent oil splatters). A fierce stream of steam escapes out the sides, then slows as the water evaporates. At the same time, the hot oil clashing with the remaining liquid will begin to pop. When the clattering slows, the vegetables are nearly done. Seasonings such as soy sauce and sugar are stirred in at the end for a quick caramelization that doesn't lead to burning. This all happens in a matter of minutes.

And this works with any vegetable.

When I don't have time to get to the Asian market for bok choy, choy sum and other

Stir-fried Brussels sprouts

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 10 minutes
Neutral oil, such as grapeseed or canola oil
4 garlic cloves, smashed, then peeled
1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved or quartered, if large
Salt and pepper
½ teaspoon sugar
2 teaspoons soy sauce
Red-pepper flakes, to taste
1. Heat a large skillet over high for a few minutes. Drops of water should skitter across the surface, then evaporate quickly. Set the pan lid and ½ cup water next to the stove. Add enough oil to coat the bottom of the pan (3 to 4 tablespoons), then add garlic and sizzle until fragrant and wisps of smoke rise from the oil, about 15 seconds. Add Brussels sprouts, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and stir to coat with oil. Spread in an even layer, carefully add water and immediately cover.
2. Cook without stirring until the water has almost completely evaporated, 4 to 6 minutes. After silent simmering, there will be loud popping sounds that quiet to a crackle.
3. Uncover, sprinkle with sugar and soy sauce, and stir for 1 minute. Sprinkle with red-pepper flakes and serve.

Chinese greens, I use broccoli, spinach and, in the fall, Brussels sprouts.

When I began "stir-frying" like this, I knew I was straying from tradition. But I also knew it was the way I could keep Chinese cooking alive at home. My method doesn't attempt to be the same as the original, but an extension, just as my experience as an American-born Chinese evolved from my immigrant parents' lives.

One of my older children asked me to teach her how to make vegetables the way we always have them. She didn't know how to describe that smoky flavor, and I said that it was sort of wok hei. When she asked whether this dish was really Chinese, I told her that it absolutely was.

Dig into an award-winning apple crumb pie

By Gretchen McKay
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PITTSBURGH — Travis Harhai is pretty proud of his deep-dish apple pie. Piled high with fall's favorite fruit under a sugary blanket of crispy crumb topping, it's exactly what you picture when you think of the classic all-American dessert: sweet and fruity, with a wonderfully flaky crust you can't wait to dig into.

The fact that the recipe has been handed down over the generations makes it even more special. His maternal grandmother was the first to make it, and it has been served at countless family gatherings over the years, Harhai says.

Still, he didn't think it could be a winner of the 2021 Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest at the Westmoreland County Fair.

"I couldn't even put it into words," Harhai says about his win, and the \$100 prize that came with it.

It's all the more surprising when you consider Harhai only recently took up baking, and that he didn't decide to enter the competition until the night before, after learning about it from his girlfriend.

"Then I woke up at 5 a.m. that day and started peeling apples," he says. The finished product went straight from the oven to the judges' table "because everyone likes warm apple pie."

Harhai baked his first pie four years ago, for a friend's dinner party, after lying about knowing how. It didn't go well, he says. "So I had to call my mom and got grandma's recipe."

It took a little trial and error to perfect: He learned the hard way that it's much better to use butter than margarine in the topping. He also now knows that if you use too much water in the dough, you'll have a hard time getting pretty crimped edges.



Travis Harhai says the crumb top is what makes his deep-dish apple pie special.

GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

He estimates he's made at least 100 pies for family and friends. "It took off pretty quick when it started tasting like grandma's," he says.

Although his mother, Ginny, says his pie is better than his grandmother's, Harhai was nervous that day at the fairgrounds. He jokes that he paced about three miles during the judging process. (Disclosure: I

was among the three judges sampling the 15 entries.) In the end, he won everyone over with his tasty mix of Granny Smith and McIntosh apples, and simple crumb topping made with sugar, butter and flour.

The crumb top, he says, it what makes his apple pie special. "If you can get that right, everything else tastes good afterwards."

Blue ribbon apple crumb pie

Makes: 1 pie
For the crust:
1 ¼ cups flour
½ teaspoon salt
⅓ cup plus 1 tablespoon vegetable shortening, chilled
¼ cup cold water
For the filling:
10 Granny Smith and/or McIntosh apples
½ cup sugar
1 tablespoon flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
For the crumb topping:
½ cup sugar
¾ cup flour
6 tablespoons butter, cut into chunks
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Prepare crust: In large bowl, combine dry ingredients. Cut in shortening using a pastry blender or until mixture is crumbly. Mix in water a tablespoon at a time to form dough. (It should hold together when pinched.) Shape into a ball, flatten with your palm into a disc, then roll out on a floured surface into a circle about 2 inches wider than the pie plate. Transfer dough to pie plate.
3. Prepare filling: Peel, core and slice apples, then place in a large bowl. Add dry ingredients and mix by hand until all apples are covered. Pour into pie crust. (It will look like a lot, but the apples will bake down.)
4. Prepare topping: Place sugar and flour into a medium bowl. Rub the butter into the mixture with your fingers until it's crumbly. Pat crumble mixture on top of unbaked pie.
5. Place pie on a cookie sheet (to capture any drippings) and bake for 60 minutes or until apples are completely soft when pierced with a knife. (My pie took about 20 minutes longer.)
6. Transfer pie to a rack to cool completely.

— Recipe from Travis Harhai

Embracing an unloved grape: petite sirah

The wine has been trending toward more fresh and delicious than tannic, powerful

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

NAPA, Calif. — Scott Kirkpatrick never cared much for petite sirah. He liked wine that went with food, and he regarded most wines made with the grape as too big, tannic and powerful to enjoy at the table.

So naturally, when he considered making his own wine after working for others in Napa Valley, he knew that he wanted to focus on petite sirah.

"I saw beautiful grapes, but I didn't like the wines," he said in September when I visited him at the utilitarian production facility he shares with another label near the Napa County Airport. "I wondered if it could be lighter and fresher, a wine I would like with energy and a lot of joy. And things kind of got out of hand after that."

Since 2016, when he and his wife, Allison Watkins, started Mountain Tides, a label dedicated to petite sirah, they have explored the grape's capacity for producing energetic wines that could both complement food and express the nuances of various California terroirs.

Their initial effort was

simply 75 cases of petite

sirah from a single vineyard

in Clements Hills, a small

appellation in southeastern

Lodi. This year, if all goes

well, they plan to make

eight to 10 different cuvées,

2,500 cases, all petite sirah.

The wines have included

a half-dozen single vine-

yard expressions from

various sites in North-

ern California; a blend of

vineyards; a petite sirah

produced by carbonic

fermentation, a method

often used in Beaujolais,

and for easy-drinking natu-

ral wines; and a petite sirah

"A friend accused me of being an inch wide and a mile deep," Kirkpatrick said.

If you go deep on one grape, petite sirah is an unlikely choice. It has a long history in California, longer than in France, its homeland, where it was called durif after François Durif, a grape breeder who maintained an experimental vineyard in which it was discovered in the 1860s.

It is virtually nonexistent in France today, but by the 1880s it had emigrated to California and found a new name, and it became a reliable component of some of the state's old mixed vineyards.

Most of the petite sirahs I've tasted have been sturdy and not particularly interesting. Older bottles can demonstrate the grape's ability to endure for years rather than evolve. I didn't see further potential for the grape.

But around two years ago I read an article by Elaine Chukan Brown, a California correspondent for the wine publication Jancis Robinson.com, who noted a trend toward a lighter style of petite sirah. I was intrigued and finally found a bottle of Mountain Tides, one of the producers she cited, earlier this year.

The bottle I tried was the California blend of various sites. It was fresh and delicious, a far cry from the petite sirahs of memory.

I've since found other petite sirahs I've enjoyed that likewise have strayed from the tannic and powerful style. Ridge makes a bright, spicy, lively petite sirah at its Lytton Estate in the Dry Creek Valley, and Cruse Wine Co. has made a vivacious petite sirah from the Powicama Farm vineyard in Mendocino.

Petite sirah is practically an afterthought for these



A Mountain Tides wine on petite sirah grapes in Santa Rosa, California. Mountain Tides took on the challenge of exploring the subtleties of petite sirah. **DEXTER HAKE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

producers, who have other specialties. No producer that I know of has dedicated itself to the grape as Mountain Tides has. I was curious about what drew Kirkpatrick in.

His attraction to petite sirah, he said, was a little like his interest in comic books. He had always dismissed comics as irrelevant superhero stories. But then friends introduced him to the complex works

of Art Spiegelman, Alison Bechdel and the Hernandez Brothers, among others.

"This medium could be used to tell an infinite amount of stories," he said. "It's just a medium that had been dominated by one type of story for decades.

"I think petite sirah is really similar. Somewhere in the past few decades, it seems to have taken on this singular persona of making

muscular, aggressively concentrated, high-alcohol, almost-dessert wines."

He wondered what would happen if the grape were farmed differently, with the goal of achieving ripeness at a lower sugar content, and made into wine with a lighter touch.

"It was never really about liking or not liking the variety," he said. "It was about finding a path that seemed untrodden and being really

enchanted by the things I could learn about wine and winemaking if I dug into this variety that I didn't know much about."

Finding his own way has been a life goal for Kirkpatrick, who grew up in Midland, Michigan, in what he calls a traditional Baptist community. His father was a preacher, and wine and other alcoholic beverages, Kirkpatrick said, were taboo.

He left Michigan to seek his fortune as a singer-songwriter, landing in Louisville, Kentucky, where, like many would-be musicians, he got a job in a restaurant. He started to learn about wine, he said, to get bigger tips, but found wine had far more to offer.

"I was blown away by the potential for storytelling," he said. "I found that really compelling."

Soon finding himself more interested in wine than in restaurants or music, he decided to move to Napa Valley in 2013 with the notion of making his own wine.

While working at a custom-crush operation, where clients without their own facilities can use the space and equipment to make wine, he met Watkins, an artist and photographer.

In 2016, their first vintage, they settled on the name Mountain Tides, focusing on the connection of earth and water and the movement between the two.

Kirkpatrick is the wine-maker, Watkins does the marketing and designs the striking labels — different ones for each cuvée, all based on photographs she has taken depicting the characters of the various vineyards. She also brings an artist's eye to the appreciation of petite sirah.

"The color that comes off petite sirah is so beautiful when you press," she said. "It's like paint, so vivid, like strong magenta."

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Everyone's talking about dalgona candy

By Christina Morales

The New York Times

One of Maddy Park's earliest memories of street food was when vendors set up a portable stove outside her elementary school in Seoul, South Korea, to sell a candy for about a dime. It was part sweet treat, part game.

Candymakers melted sugar and frothed it up with a pinch of baking soda to make this dalgona candy, Park recalled. They then pressed the mixture flat and pushed shapes like a circle, triangle, square, star or umbrella into the center. Park's classmates determinedly tried to pick out the stamped shape using a needle without breaking it — a game called ppoggi. If the children successfully removed the shape from the brittle candy, they won another treat for free.

"Dalgona was one of the cheapest, unhealthiest, yet the most addictive gamble for 7-year-old me," said Park, now 28 and living in New York.

Park is one of many Koreans whose memories of dalgona candy, also called ppoggi, have surfaced thanks to the release of "Squid Game" on Netflix. The fictional series follows a group of cash-strapped people willing to die playing childhood games for a chance to win a jackpot. The third episode is all about ppoggi.

"There's a gambling sort of element to it, kind of like in the 'Squid Game' but without life or death," JinJoo Lee, 55, the Korean food blogger behind Kimchimari, said about ppoggi.

Her recipe for dalgona candy, which she posted online in 2018, has had a 30% increase in traffic recently. Similar candies are popular around the world, she said, but they go by different names.

Dalgona candy filled a sweet void in postwar South Korea for children who had grown accustomed to the free chocolates given away by American soldiers, said Albert Park, an associate professor with expertise in Korean history at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California. Dalgona was inexpensive and accessible, he said.

At first, glucose was used because raw sugar was expensive, Albert Park said. But vendors



Interest in dalgona candy, the South Korean treat, has spiked since the debut of the Netflix drama "Squid Game." SANG AN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Dalgona candy (ppoggi)

Preparing the candy at home requires only two ingredients and attention at the stove. The ladle needs to be moved away from the heat occasionally to stir away any lumps without burning the melting sugar. If you want to make multiple candies quickly, keep a small saucepan of boiled water in the sink to quickly clean hardened sugar off the ladle.

Makes: 1 candy

Total time: 10 minutes

A pinch of baking soda

Vegetable oil, for greasing

1 heaping tablespoon granulated sugar

1. The candy sets quickly, so have everything ready: Set the baking soda, a sheet of parchment paper, a small skillet and a 3-inch metal cookie cutter (any shape) on a heatproof work surface next to the stove. Rub a thin sheen of oil on half of the paper.

2. Place sugar in a metal ladle and gently wave over

medium-low flame on gas stove until sugar melts all around edges, 2 to 3 minutes. Slowly and continuously stir sugar with a wooden or metal chopstick until any lumps have dissolved, 1 to 2 minutes. You want sugar to melt very slowly and not darken past gold, so move ladle away from the heat or lower the heat as needed. (If you don't have a ladle, see note.)

3. Turn off the heat and add the baking soda. Quickly stir until evenly incorporated, then immediately pour onto the ungreased side of the parchment in a round. Fold the oiled side over the round, flatten with the skillet, uncover and press the cookie cutter in the center. Cool completely.

Note: You can make this with a small saucepan or skillet instead. Shake the sugar into an even layer across the bottom. Set over medium-low heat and melt without stirring until liquid, 1 to 2 minutes. Gently stir until very pale gold, then turn off the heat, add the baking soda and stir until evenly incorporated. Proceed as above to flatten and cut.

— Recipe by Genevieve Ko

ity of "Squid Game," the candy has made a comeback as a retro, nostalgic snack, he said. "For some of these young Koreans, I don't think they consciously think it's Korean candy, but it's a way to connect to their history that they don't want to necessarily do in a history book," he said.

Social media has shepherded its leap to worldwide fame, introducing the candy to people outside South Korea.

Fans love the candy's blend of bitter, nutty and sweet tastes. "The flavor, for some reason, stays with you," said Annie Yoo, 46, of Düsseldorf, Germany.

Yoo's most vivid memories of South Korea are those of foods like dalgona candy, as she was only 6 years old when she immigrated to the United States. She remembers the dirt roads she took to get to the dalgona street vendors under their tarps.

"I really miss that candy," she said. "In the midst of all the stuff we were going through, you barely get any treats. It was really magical."



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Celebrate Diwali with this savory karanji snack

America's Test Kitchen

Karanji are a type of dumpling popular in Maharashtra, India. They're typically fried and can have sweet or savory fillings. You'll find karanji in several parts of India, and they are called by different names in different languages.

You can eat karanji any time, but they're especially popular as a snack during the

festival of Diwali, a religious festival of lights that originated in India.

Diwali lasts for five days and usually occurs between October and November. Diwali means "row of lights" in Sanskrit, and during the festival people decorate their homes with special oil lamps called diyas.

Our karanji are baked (not fried) and savory — they're filled with peas.

making the filling.

3. In a bowl, combine peas, water, garam masala, cumin, ginger, garlic, salt and vegetable oil. Heat in the microwave for 2 minutes. Use a potato masher to mash the filling until it is mostly broken down and some whole peas remain. Stir with a rubber spatula to combine.

4. Remove the baking sheet from the refrigerator and discard the plastic. Use a measuring spoon to place 1 tablespoon of filling in the center of each dough round.

5. Use your finger to lightly coat the edge of each dough round with water. Fold the dough over the filling to create a half-moon shape. Press the edges together to seal.

6. Use a pastry brush to brush the tops of the karanji with extra vegetable oil.

7. Bake the karanji until golden brown, 12 to 14 minutes. Let the karanji cool on the baking sheet for 10 minutes.

Karanji

Makes: 10 karanji

1 package store-bought pie dough
1 cup frozen peas
2 tablespoons water, plus extra for brushing

½ teaspoon garam masala
½ teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon garlic powder
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons vegetable oil, plus extra for brushing

1. Adjust the oven rack to the upper-middle position and heat the oven to 450 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Working with 1 pie dough round at a time, use a 4-inch round cutter to cut out 10 dough rounds. Transfer the dough rounds to the parchment-lined baking sheet. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate while

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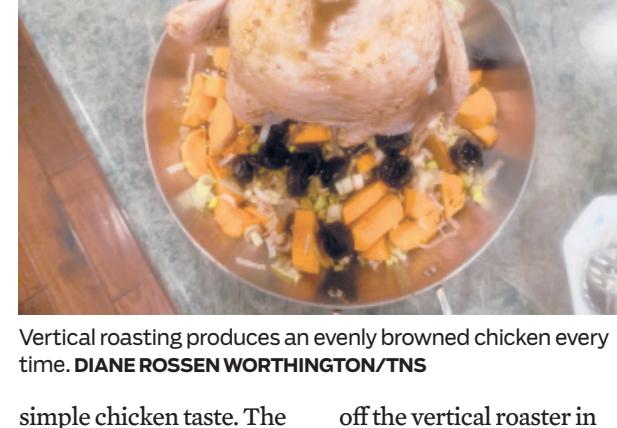
Vertical roasting is a favorite technique for juicy chicken

By Diane Rossen Worthington
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You can never have enough great chicken recipes. And this is particular recipe my fallback Friday night dinner, because it is so easy to put together after a long, busy week.

You'll need a vertical roasting rack (you can find one on Amazon or other cooking stores) for this recipe. If you don't want to invest in one, try a used beer can. Vertical roasting produces an evenly browned chicken every time.

I prefer cooking the chicken at 425 F, which keeps the meat juicy and the skin browned and crisp. The blending of grainy Dijon mustard along with sweet balsamic and soy sauce is a nice balance of flavors for the marinade, which adds color and depth of flavor to the



Vertical roasting produces an evenly browned chicken every time. DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON/TNS

simple chicken taste. The

prunes and cognac bring a touch of fruity sweetness. The orange sweet potato nuggets add a welcome color. Watch carefully; if it begins to brown too quickly, you can tent the top with aluminum foil to protect the chicken from burning.

I especially like that you

can carve the bird right

Roast chicken with sweet potatoes, prunes and thyme

Makes: 4 servings (with leftovers)

For the marinade:

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons grainy Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon garlic seasoning salt

For the chicken:

One 4 to 4 ½-pound chicken, cleaned and patted dry

2 leeks, thinly sliced

2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1 ½-inch pieces

1 cup pitted prunes

½ cup cognac or Armagnac

1 cup chicken stock and more if needed

1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme leaves

Salt

Pepper

Thyme leaves, for garnish

1. Combine the marinade ingredients in a small mixing bowl, mixing to blend. Taste for seasoning.

2. Place the chicken on a foil lined chopping board and, starting around the main body

cavity, carefully slip your hand under the skin, being sure not to tear it. (You may need to use gloves if you have long fingernails.) Pat the marinade under the skin and all over the bird on both sides on top of the skin. (At this point you can place in a zip-lock bag and refrigerate up to 8 hours ahead or continue directly with next step.)

3. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Place the chicken on a vertical roaster that is sitting on a sheet pan with a lip to catch the juices. Sprinkle the leeks, sweet potatoes, prunes and cognac or Armagnac around the pan. Add 1 cup of stock, thyme leaves, salt and pepper. Mix to combine.

4. Roast the chicken for about 45 minutes to 1 hour or until the juices run clear when the thigh is pierced with a knife. The thigh should be 165 F. Halfway through the cooking, add more chicken stock if the pan is dry, to keep the bottom of the pan from scorching. Let the chicken rest for at least 15 minutes before carving. Loosely cover with foil. Carve the chicken and arrange on a serving platter. Arrange the juices and vegetables around the chicken pieces and serve.

Advance preparation: This dish can be prepared up to 8 hours ahead through Step 1 covered and left at room temperature. This is also excellent served cold.